

TREE & SHRUB HEALTH CARE **An Integrated Management Approach**

Trees and shrubs in the landscape are hosts for a variety of insect and disease problems. Some of these insects and diseases only affect certain types of trees and shrubs, while others have a broad range of hosts they prefer.

Our *Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.)* Approach consists of six inspection visits per year (March-November) where ornamental trees and shrubs on the property are inspected and treated for harmful disease and insect activity. This allows us to target specific pests and plants but prevents "blanket sprays" where more material is used than needed. This also allows beneficial insects to continue doing their job of naturally controlling the problem-pest population.

TREATMENT #1 - EARLY SPRING - (March – April)

Non-toxic oil applied to smother insect eggs and overwintering insects, scale and mites. [Note: systemic material for specific insect problems may also be applied.]

TREATMENT #2 - SPRING – (April – May)

The first foliar treatment is designed to control the problem insects and diseases that affect the new growth of trees and shrubs.

TREATMENT #3 - EARLY SUMMER - (May – June)

The second foliar treatment is the period of greatest insect and disease activity.

TREATMENT #4 - SUMMER - (July – August)

The third foliar treatment is the period for the control of summer emerging insects, mites and foliar diseases.

TREATMENT #5 - LATE SUMMER - (August – September)

The fourth foliar treatment is designed to control late summer scale and mites, as well as any other insects.

TREATMENT #6 - FALL - (September – November)

The final treatment of the year is designed to reduce pest problems for next year.

NOTES:

1. We DO NOT spray every tree and shrub (it's against the law). Only problem trees and shrubs are treated. This helps keep beneficial insect populations at higher levels, which helps control certain insect pests.
2. Additional services may become necessary if specific situations develop and/or severe outbreaks occur (for example: gypsy moth caterpillars).

***ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**