

# THE arborist

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“Was extremely pleased with service. Technician was both professional and personable. No complaints whatsoever!”

Mike U. - Lancaster, PA

## Use the *Calm* Before the *Storm*

*A small dose of preventive maintenance can head off major storm damage.*

Every year, we get a ton of storm cleanup work from our loyal customers. While we're always glad you called, we'd much rather hear from you before the storm arrives.

The problem with waiting until afterward is collateral damage. Wind may be nature's way of pruning away dead wood, but if we let nature take its course, healthy branches often get broken too—not to mention buildings, cars, people and pets.



### Preventive pruning

Besides removing dead and weakened branches, pruning to thin the canopy reduces the amount of force wind can exert on branches and the trunk, lowering the potential for severe damage to the tree.

Over time, an arborist can also make sure the root system is healthy, inject fertilizer when necessary and establish a mulch ring to keep lawn equipment from compacting soil around the roots.

### Cabling, bracing and lightning protection

If you have a large, well-established tree with a hazardous condition such as a weak branch union or a co-dominant stem (a “tree fork” with a tight V angle), supporting the tree with cables or even internal bracing rods may be necessary.

This is often done improperly, even by some who call themselves professionals. Make sure your arborist is following ANSI (American National Standards Institute) best management practices for installation of cables, braces, guys and props to support branches or entire trees.

Arborists can also install lightning protection systems, which consist of copper cables attached high in the tree to copper rods driven into the ground. Such systems are relatively inconspicuous, not injurious to the tree and reliable.

**To protect your trees and your property, contact us today for a tree inspection.**

## EAB ADVICE FROM BEN TRESSELT

Arborist Enterprises President and ISA Board Certified Master Arborist Ben Tresselt III was invited by WGAL TV to discuss the arrival of EAB (emerald ash borer) in Lancaster County. You can view the video on our site at <http://goo.gl/FNVczj>.



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HOT IN

# Pennsylvania

Watering during the heat of the season is important, especially for trees and shrubs planted within the past several years.

Because we are in the hottest part of the summer, here are some free watering tips:

- In an ideal world, we're getting an inch of rain every week, which is sufficient in most cases for established trees and shrubs.
- News flash: we don't live in an ideal world.
- Symptoms of moisture stress include wilted, droopy foliage and casting off internal foliage as a coping mechanism.
- For newly planted trees and shrubs, you should use ten gallons of water per week per inch of trunk diameter. So a two-inch diameter tree should get 20 gallons per week.
- "Newly planted" means two to three summers for a two-inch tree, up to five or six years for larger trees.
- It is generally better to do less-frequent deep watering than more-frequent shallow watering.
- Never water a lawn or shrub foliage in the evening or overnight. Grass that is wet overnight invites fungi. For shrubs, water the base with a soaker hose to keep foliage dry.

## What's Brewing



JOHN BREWER,  
ISA Certified Arborist

## TAKING THE LAWN VIEW

August is a great time to plan for some serious fall lawn maintenance.

If I can get only one message across to you about your lawn, it is this: please call us sooner rather than later to set up a plan for fall overseeding, aeration and fertilization.

The ideal time for seeding is a fairly narrow window from early September to very early October. If you contact us now, there will be sufficient time for us to study your lawn, prepare a plan and get it into the schedule.

Another reason July and August are the best months to get started is that if we need to do some applications to get your weeds under control, there is time to do so while leaving enough time between treatment and seeding.

If we get the timing right, we can take your lawn to the next level, eliminating bare spots and developing vigorous and healthy grass. In fact, it's not an exaggeration to say that your lawn's health in spring 2016 depends a lot on what you begin to do right now.

“Can't wait to see *lawn results!* We appreciate the “report card” and *suggestions* you have *shared.*”

— Alex R. – Lancaster, PA

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

# Welcome Buddy Singer



>> **His favorite tree?**  
The swamp white oak  
(*Quercus bicolor*).

In April we welcomed our newest Arborist Representative, Buddy Singer. Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Buddy lived in Baltimore, then moved to York in 2004. He has more than twenty years as a professional in our industry, having worked previously as co-owner of Singer & Mitcheltree Tree Preservation.

Buddy is an ISA-certified arborist, and was a licensed professional horticulturist through the Maryland Nurseryman's Association, as well as a Maryland tree expert.

He has served as a committee member for the Mid-Atlantic ISA tree climbing championship, and as a staff member for the Ohio ISA tree climbing championship.

Buddy has two boys—Noah and Benjamin, nine and seven years old—and a three-year-old yellow lab named Abby. He's a trustee member with the Stewartstown Presbyterian Church, and his hobbies include hiking, camping, mountain biking, recreational tree climbing and playing the banjo.

# THANK you!

## Survey Card

### dinner winner

From all of us at Arborist Enterprises, thank you for your valuable feedback. Hearing from our clients helps us continuously improve and provide the highest quality service.

“I've had at least four lawn services—you made my lawn look better than any. In fact, we're right on the fifth hole of the Lancaster Country Club's golf course, and during the U.S. Women's Open, it was impossible to tell the difference between my lawn and the green.”

Congratulations to Mr. Larry Mason and his wife Carol, who received a \$100 gift card to the Log Cabin restaurant in our survey card drawing. From all of us at Arborist Enterprises, thank you for your valuable feedback. Hearing from our clients helps us continuously improve and provide the highest quality service.



After your next experience with us, fill out a survey card to be eligible to win a \$100 gift card to a local fine dining restaurant.

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# A LITTLE TRIVIA FUN

A. Age in years of the oldest single non-clonal tree, a bristlecone pine in California

1. 512
2. 5,063
3. 81.5

B. Height in feet of the world's tallest tree, Hyperion (a California coast redwood)

4. 370
5. 2,756

C. Number of trees required to produce the average daily newspaper

D. Weight in tons of the largest giant sequoia in California's Redwood Forest

E. Millions of acres under forest in the Amazon Basin

ANSWERS: A2, B4, C1, D5, E3



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## ARBOR DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Arbor Day in April, Arborist Enterprises volunteers cleaned up Lancaster's Woodward Hill Cemetery the day before Lancasterhistory.org commemorated President Buchanan's 224th birthday. See some great photos at [arboristenterprises.com/cleaning-up-for-the-president](http://arboristenterprises.com/cleaning-up-for-the-president).



## PLAN YOUR FERTILIZED FALL

*It's not too soon to schedule fall fertilization to help weak trees recover from stresses.*

Spring and fall are the best seasons for fertilization, whether your trees are still trying to recover from winter storm damage or from drought stress that came on over the past couple of summers.

Planning an application of soil-injected fertilizer for the fall can help your trees recover so they can weather another potentially damaging and difficult winter.

How to know what your trees need? Arborists can determine what specific nutrients may be missing through observation and soil tests, but general clues to look for include:

- Off-color (usually yellow) leaves, or smaller-than-normal leaves.
- Stunted appearance.
- Dead tips at the ends of branches.
- Slow shoot growth.

Most soils in our area contain adequate micronutrients for landscape trees, but we frequently see exceptions. If you aren't sure whether your trees need fertilization, ask us to take a look and we'll let you know.



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