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## AEI COVID-19 UPDATE

“We are  
all in this  
together.”

Dear Arborist Enterprises Client,

The State of Pennsylvania has determined that Arborist Enterprises Inc. is a life-sustaining business. Therefore, all of our departments are open to serve your needs.

Please be assured that we have enacted strict hygiene and sanitization practices in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the state of Pennsylvania. We are adhering to these practices within our office, our shop, and at every jobsite. We are doing everything necessary to make sure our vehicles and equipment are safe to use, and have changed our practices to protect our clients and communities in the following ways:

- We will notify all clients the day before we are scheduled to work on your property, either by email or phone call.
- Once the team arrives at your location, we will not ring the doorbell or knock on the door to announce our arrival.
- While there, our teams will be practicing safe social distancing and hygiene among themselves, with you and with the general public.
- We will not leave a card behind describing what was done.

All communication will be done via phone, email or teleconference. We are ready to answer all your questions and to schedule our services as usual. Our office hours will remain the same—8 AM to 5 PM. However, for now our offices are physically closed to all except for a very limited number of the office team. In addition, our property is physically closed to all except for current members of the Arborist Enterprises production, office and sales teams, scheduled delivery workers, and others with prearranged appointments. Whenever possible, our office and sales teams are working remotely.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these new practices during what is a trying time for us all. As always, we greatly appreciate your continued support. Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can be of service in any way.

Be well and be safe!

Sincerely, *Ben & Tina Tresselt and your Arborist Enterprises Team*

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# A WARMER, WETTER, spring?



In the last issue, I was forecasting that there would be “more of the same” with rain and mild weather. That came true—we’ve had no real winter to speak of, and even some volatile weather this spring. We’re way ahead with everything breaking dormancy far earlier than usual.

## INSECTS

The first consequence is, with the lack of cold temperatures over the winter and the early arrival of spring, there will be **a lot less insect mortality**. That certainly isn’t going to help our spotted lanternfly situation. But I’m expecting a heavy population of all kinds of insects, such as aphids, certain types of borers, and other pests.

**I’m expecting insects to arrive earlier this year.** With some, there will be larger populations, and the longer season means there could even be more generations per year. For instance, instead of 3 life cycles a year, there could be 4 or 5 for some species.

**Populations are higher because of no winter die-off.** In some insect populations, for example, those die-offs look like this: below 25 degrees F, 80 percent survive; below 15 degrees, 60 percent survive; below 5 degrees, 40 percent survive.

## DISEASE

Wet weather will cause disease problems in trees, shrubs, and lawns. Apple scab and needlecast are two such diseases, **fungal pathogens that thrive on excess moisture in the soil**.

**Wetness is bad** because it can cause or exacerbate:

- Root rot in plants that don’t particularly care for a lot of soil moisture.
- Fire blight on crabapples, cherries, and pears, especially if it’s really wet while they’re flowering.
- Anthracnose on sycamores and dogwoods, as well as evergreens and other deciduous trees.

With lawns, most diseases happen later in the year when there’s high humidity through the night after late afternoon thunderstorms. The way the last two years have been, we may have another warmer and wetter summer, setting up conditions for fungal diseases such as brown patch and summer patch, as well as providing opportunity for hard-to-eradicate weeds like nutsedge and crabgrass.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Keep a close eye on your vegetation** and take note of anything out of the ordinary, especially if the weather is unusual. Even with spring having arrived early, it’s not too late to contact us about a plant health care contract. You can ask us to drop by and do a free lawn evaluation as well. Happy spring!



**JOHN BREWER,**  
ISA Certified Arborist



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# SPRING SERVICES

## CHECKLIST

Spring comes along every year, a special time of renewal that requires more than just the usual lawn and tree-care services. We recognize that some special effort is needed to help your landscape recover from winter and get ready for the coming growing season.

Got some things that need doing? We'll be glad to care for your part of the world with these special services:

- Spring cleanup
- Planting
- Edging
- Mulching

Let us know what you need, and we'll schedule a visit to take care of it all! Call us at (717) 393-7602 or go to [ArboristEnterprises.com/request-a-service](http://ArboristEnterprises.com/request-a-service).

*we're* **LAWN**  
**EXPERTS** *too!*

We've been taking care of your trees and shrubs, but don't forget that we can give you that same great service with your lawns. With our years of lawn care experience, we're ready to make yours green and lush in 2020! Call today for a free evaluation. Our lawn care services include:

- Fertilization
- Lawn renovation
- Grub and surface insect treatments
- Broadleaf weed control
- Aeration and overseeding
- Disease treatments
- Pre-emergent crabgrass control

# FUN FACTS ABOUT SPRING

*It's time to get out and enjoy the weather!  
Did you know these things about spring?*

- Spring begins with the vernal equinox, which was on March 19 this year and ends on June 20 with the summer solstice.
- In Latin, “vernal” means spring and “equinox” means “equal night.”
- After the vernal equinox, days continue to rapidly get longer—and nights shorter—than 12 hours.
- Most living creatures, including humans, undergo physiological changes in spring.
- Some of those changes are called “Spring fever,” a real set of symptoms that include a flushed face, increased heart rate, restlessness and daydreaming



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# 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.*

*“Around ten years ago, we found Arborist Enterprises after one of our trees—a gigantic sycamore—was struck by lightning. Your crews are professional, and give us plenty of time for providing a quote or explaining something. Also, when your crews arrive they're always such pleasant people.”*

**- Randy Hertzler**

Congratulations to Mr. Randy Hertzler and his wife Kathy, valued customers from Lancaster, who were selected at random to receive a \$100 Visa gift card in our survey card drawing.

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



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