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## Calendar of Services

### September:

- Arborvitae Pruning
- Lawn Weed Spray
- Lawn Fertilizer
- Shrub Bed Care
- Planting & Transplanting
- Late Summer Insect Spray
- Annual Blue Grass Control
- Fall Foundation Spray

### October:

- Fall Pruning
- Fall Cleanup
- Shrub Bed Care
- Irrigation Winterization
- Annual Flower Removal
- Systemic Soil Drench
- Deep Root Feed
- Bulb Planting

### November:

- Fall Pruning
- Fall Cleanup
- Systemic Soil Drench
- Deep Root Feed
- Tall Tree Pruning

### Fall Specials

- ★ **15% Off:** Fall Shrub Pruning
- ★ **10% Off** Winter Tree Pruning
- ★ **10% Off** Fall Systemic Soil Drench
- ★ **10% Off** Fall Ant & Spider Foundation Spray

## Pruning Your Trees: Winter Can Be Best

Though it may seem like there's not a lot to do to a landscape during the winter, that cold, dormant time of year is actually the best time to prune most trees. It creates the least amount of stress on the tree and the smallest possibility of infestation by insects or disease.

One of the biggest benefits for mature deciduous trees is that the entire framework is visible. It is easy to see areas of heavy growth that require thinning, such as duplicate branches that create excessive end growth or unduly large scaffolds.

Crossing branches, which can rub together and become unhealthy, can also be

identified and removed.

Much of the same is true with immature deciduous trees. Since the framework is visible, it is easier to do corrective pruning to maintain proper spacing and a centralized leader. This will eliminate having to dwarf codominant leaders later and make sure that the tree has the best start possible.

Evergreens, both immature and mature, also have a more

visible framework during the winter.

Additionally, the deadwood is still very evident, making it easier to remove.

Some species, such as Birches and Maples, are best to have pruned in the late fall. They have a high volume of water pumping through their

system, and it will run from the cuts in late winter or early spring.



*A tree's framework is more easily seen during the winter.*

*Information contributed by: Our Arborists*

## Great Ideas for Fall

**Irrigation winterization** will be starting up in October and there are a few things that you can do to be prepared:

- Before we come out, please shut off inside water if you are not going to be home or make an appointment with our office so that you can be home.
- Please shut off your clock or make arrangements for us to do so if you are

unsure how. Please remove your clock batteries for the winter to conserve their power for next spring.

- As a reminder, we do leave your valves open so that water cannot become trapped inside and damage your irrigation pipes.

**Rain and Freeze Sensors** for your irrigation system are a great way to save money

and water this year! We are still offering a great price on installation; call or email today for more details!

**Fall Foundation Sprays & Systemic Soil Drenches** are a great way to protect your home and your trees from insects. Call or email today to find out what our current specials are!

*Information contributed by: Anna Twohig*

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## Did you know...?

We stay busy, even in the winter! Besides providing snow removal and tree pruning services, we use the "off" season for things such as:

- ♦ Attending training seminars and conferences
- ♦ Repairing and replacing equipment
- ♦ Strategic business planning, budgeting, and archiving
- ♦ Meeting with customers and bidding new work
- ♦ Renewing contracts; scheduling next season's work

## Employee Spotlight



**Mike Richardson**  
Spray Dept. Supervisor

**Job Description:** Managing the spray department and its employees, advising for efficient routing, ordering products, and working as a lead spray technician

**Education:** Spray licenses including lawn, weed, and ornamental tree spraying, tree and shrub insect spraying, right of way and PCO

**Hometown:** La Habra, California

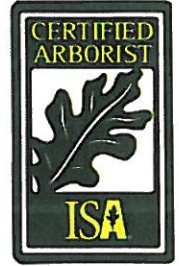
**Time with Greenleaf:** 7 years

**Hobbies:** Mike likes to go fishing, camping, and play video games. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite movie is Training Day

## What is That?

### What Does It Mean to be a Certified Arborist?

We often hear that it's best to get the opinion of a Certified Arborist, or to have a Certified Arborist prune our trees. But what exactly is a Certified Arborist?



Certification is given by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a body of tree professionals from university researchers to technicians in the field. They are dedicated to improving scientific knowledge of trees as well as technical competency of personnel in the tree care industry.

To become a Certified Arborist requires three years of full-time practical experience in the tree care industry (a college degree may substitute for part of that time) and pass an exam consisting of 200 questions from 10 domains. These domains cover a wide variety of topics about tree care and industry standards.

Certification lasts for three years. To renew, the arborist must complete 30 hours of continuing education. Credits are earned by attending classes and workshops and by taking tests based on articles in professional journals and textbooks.

Greenleaf has three Certified Arborists on staff; a combination of wisdom and experience mixed with freshness and enthusiasm. We are proud to have such skilled and educated employees.

*Information contributed by: Martin Bixby*

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