



LEAVES IN THE WIND

SPRING 2019



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Happy Spring Everyone!

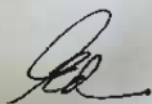
We love the Spring equinox; life seems a little better when the trees are becoming green, and the flowers are starting to bud!

We just experienced our busiest winter season yet; this allowed us to keep our crews going all winter, which is quite an accomplishment in a seasonal industry like ours. I'm very proud of our employees and the expertise they bring to every one of our jobs. They are not just the face of the company, but a part of our family. It's a wonderful feeling for all of us when we can keep busy all year round.

Trees matter - They are a connection that emotionally binds us to our history, our property, and our environment. We appreciate the trust that you, our customers, provide when you hire us. That is why every job we do is equally important to the next. Whether it's removing a 100-year old oak tree or pruning pine trees so you can better enjoy the sunset, we promise to provide the highest level of professionalism and customer service.

We can't thank you enough for the faith you place in us, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Cheers, Ed



Ed Hopkins, President



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ENJOY PEACE OF MIND ALL SUMMER

Summers are short in New England, and we want to help make sure that you get to enjoy your property as much as possible. Reducing or eliminating unwanted vegetation and insect pests are key to making your property safer and more pleasant.

Vegetation Control

Poison ivy and bittersweet are two common types of vegetation in this area. Poison ivy is often identified when it is growing on the ground. It is crucial to know poison ivy also grows as a vine that climbs up trees and along rocks.

Bittersweet vine is destructive and invasive. It is considered an invasive species because it poses a significant threat to native plants. As it grows, the vine will overtake trees and landscape areas.

We can help you to identify these plants and design a program that will not only get rid of it but also prevent it from sprouting again.

Tick and Mosquito Control

Mosquito and tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease, West Nile and EEE are more prevalent each year. They are severe illnesses and can lead to permanent damage or death.

We will prepare a plan for your property; this is specific to your needs. Whether you need protection for a one-time event like a graduation party, or season-long suppression for maximum protection, our specially licensed staff will work with you to improve your landscape safety and give you peace of mind throughout the summer.

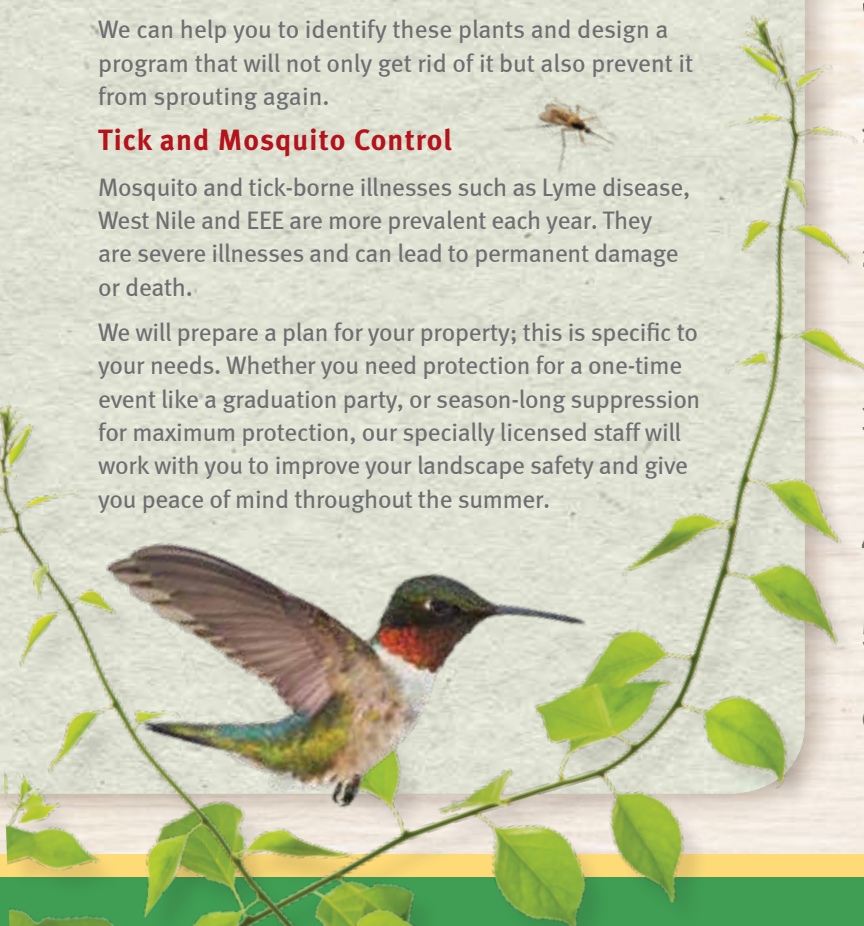
DIY Bird Seed Cakes



SEE THE VIDEO HERE: <https://www.gardengatemagazine.com/articles/projects/all/how-to-make-birdseed-cakes/>

Fun ideas to enjoy with your spring in New England

1. On May 14-19th visit the world-famous Brimfield Antique Fair in Brimfield, MA. Where you can find something unique for yourself or home
2. Take a trip this spring and beat the summer crowds to one of the dozen State Parks in Maine and New Hampshire. Feeling more adventurous, visit the spring at Acadia National Park
3. Check out the oldest collegiate competition in America at the Harvard-Yale Regatta. This event is taking place on June 8th at the Thames River in New London, CT
4. Beat the summer crowds and take a stroll along the beautiful marginal way in Ogunquit, ME
5. Take a stroll along the beautiful Marginal Way in Ogunquit, ME before the tourists get there.
6. Pack up your favorite snacks and have a picnic at Odiorne State Park in Rye, NH





(Makes 4 cakes)

Ingredients

- ¾ cup white or wheat flour
- 3 cups bird seed mix
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup raw peanuts
- ½ cup water (boiling)
- ¼ ounce unflavored gelatin
- 3 Tbsp. light corn syrup

Materials

- Mixing bowl
- Glass measuring cup
- Disposable cups
- Wooden spoon
- Sticks
- Twine

Instructions:

- Mix dry ingredients together in large bowl
- Microwave water until boiling in a glass measuring cup
- Add gelatin to boiling water and stir to dissolve
- Stir in corn syrup
- Pour liquids over the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly
- Spoon the mixture into cups (This recipe makes 4 cups)
- Poke hole in middle of cake for hanging
- Let cakes dry overnight
- Remove cakes from cups
- Use sticks and twine to hang cakes



If You're in Southern Maine, Watch Out for the Browntail Moth!

Residents of Maine have been warned this year's browntail moth outbreak is expected to be the worst in years. The moth is a prolific eater with microscopic hairs that cause blistering rashes and respiratory distress among people who encounter them. The risk is highest from April to late June, but the possibility for infection lasts all summer.

The browntail moth is an invasive species that was introduced to Maine in the 1870s. Unlike other invasive species, it never spread, remaining in the mid-coast and southern coastal region of the state. Browntail moth defoliated more than 125,000 acres in 2018.

Barbed hairs during the caterpillar stage of the browntail moth contain a toxin that can cause severe dermatitis as well as respiratory difficulties in sensitive people. It is recommended to avoid touching the caterpillar; the hairs can also be released into the air, significantly increasing the possibility of infection.

Browntail moth nests are typically found at the top of oak or apple trees in the fall and look like withered leaves. If you find a nest in a location that you can safely get to, it is recommended that you cut it out and burn or submerge it in water. If the area poses any risk at all, give us a call, and we will remove and dispose of it properly.

SPRING/ SUMMER CHECKLIST

MAY

- ☐ Inspect trees for diseases and treat as needed
- ☐ Conduct deep root feeding for low vitality trees, striving for increased quality
- ☐ General pruning
- ☐ Tick and mosquito control program
- ☐ Plant new perennials and summer bulbs
- ☐ Divide mums and other late bloomers
- ☐ After the last frost, plant your favorite annuals

JUNE

- ☐ Inspect your landscape for defoliating caterpillars. Treat as needed
- ☐ General pruning
- ☐ Trim back the trees that are close to your home, lamp post, walkways and driveway
- ☐ Treat elm trees for Dutch Elm Disease
- ☐ Cover ripening berries with netting to protect from birds
- ☐ Divide spring bulbs that are crowding
- ☐ Replant herb garden with new seedlings
- ☐ Continue to evaluate your property for any evidence of unwanted insects and disease

JULY

- ☐ Fertilize lawn and treat for white grubs
- ☐ Inspect and treat for lace bugs on your azaleas, rhododendrons, and cotoneaster
- ☐ Inspect and treat all landscape plants for warm season mites
- ☐ Inspect and treat for adult Japanese beetles and aphids on all landscaped plants
- ☐ Remove dead trees
- ☐ Prune dead wood from trees
- ☐ Prune shrubs

CUT AND SAVE

If you would like assistance with the above assessments and services, please call 603-332-1246.





We are always happy to hear from you. Please call with any questions or comments you may have. You will find our staff friendly and helpful!

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ABOUT URBAN TREE SERVICE / A TREE HEALTH COMPANY, INC:

Since 1990, Urban Tree Service has offered premier tree and plant health care services year round. We have on-staff certified arborists and Certified Commercial Pesticide Applicators in NH, ME and MA. Our range of services includes the following:

- Tree & Shrub Pruning
- Plant Health Care
- Lawn Health Services
- Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Free Property Evaluation
- Tree Planting
- Fertilization
- Cabling
- Mosquito & Tick Control
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ASK THE ARBORIST



Ed Roy

Q: Why has my lawn turned into a little forest of maple seedlings?

A: Last year was an excellent seed year for sugar maple trees and now we are seeing the fruits of their labor. Why was it a good year for maple seeds? I am not really sure but hopefully this year will not be as bad.

Q: I just put down wood chips for mulch. Is this going to attract carpenter ants?

A: No. Carpenter ants live in wood but do not eat wood like termites do. Wood chips are not a suitable habitat for carpenter ants to live in. If you have carpenter ants in your home, it means you have wet and/or rotting wood somewhere around or in your home. If you remove the habitat, you remove the ants.

Q: Do large trees benefit from fertilization?

A: Yes. Think of trees as nothing more than very large perennials. Trees compete very poorly with turf and we take their leaves every year when they fall to the ground. On average, 2 pounds of nitrogen are removed per 1000 square feet of ground when we remove the leaves.

Do you have questions for Ed?

Feel free to contact him at Urban Tree Service at 603-332-1246.

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