

TREETISE

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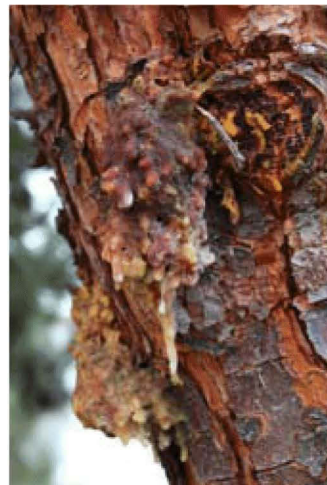
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Effective Winter Maintenance

Winter is finally here although it feels like a cool spring. It's time to start trimming those Eucalyptus and Pine trees. At this time of the year, many pests such as the long horned borer and the pine bark beetle are not present. This allows us to make pruning cuts in these trees with minimal risk of an infestation from these pests. Along with reducing risk of pest problems, the sap in pine trees coagulates more quickly in cooler weather than in warmer weather. Pruning now reduces complaints from residents about their newly washed cars being covered in sap. This helps minimize our headaches associated with this issue and helps conserve water by giving less frequent business to local car washes. Go green!

Regarding Pine trees it is important to make sure that the pruning cuts made in your trees are not excessive. There are some pine trees such as the Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) that respond very poorly to improper pruning cuts where whole lateral limbs may die as a result of negligent pruning methods. Other pines such as the Canary Island Pine (*Pinus canariensis*), the Italian Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*) and the Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) may not respond as severely to heavy pruning, but we highly suggest against such practice. Be sure not to allow unnecessary frequent pruning of pines. Most pine trees can go on an "every-other year" to a "once every 3 year" rotation before requiring additional work when pruned properly. The goal in trimming your pines should be to reduce liabilities associated with bark inclusions, co-dominant stems and dense foliage at the end of laterals. To reduce weighty tips at the end of laterals, selective stem removal will suffice but the entire branch does not need to be taken back in order to handle the situation. No more than 20-25% of foliage should be removed from a well maintained pine tree.



Whatever you do,

please wait to trim those palm trees until the summer time.

Trimming palms and other fruit bearing trees during the 2nd and 3rd quarters will help reduce the amount of seed drop all over the asphalt and concrete in your association. Doing so reduces trip hazards and staining, allowing for a cleaner and safer community. If you must trim palms now, do it only for the sake of removing old fronds from years of neglect.

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Message from the President

Congratulations to Rodolfo Rojas for becoming a Certified Tree Worker. We at Four Seasons are proud to support all of our climbers in their preparations of becoming certified. Go Team!



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