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Can you believe it has been two years since we've been together at a conference?! Please join us in-person\* for the 2022 Annual Conference. This year's conference will feature Jon Wortmann talking about stress management and team development for tree wardens.



Jon is an executive and mental coach, trainer, and speaker. He has delivered over 3,000 public workshops and trainings across nine industry sectors. A graduate of Carleton College and Harvard, his books have been #1 best sellers in 22 categories on Amazon. His work has been featured in O Magazine, Elle, The Huffington Post, Fox, Fast Company, and Psychology Today. His three books *Mastering Communication at Work: How to Lead, Manage, and Influence*, *The Three Commitments of Leadership: How Clarity, Stability, and Rhythm Create Great Leaders*, and *Hijacked by Your Brain: Discovering the Path to Freedom From Stress* teach leaders the essential communication, leadership, and stress reduction skills that make them the kind of people others want to work with, and the kind of managers, executives, and coaches that produce teams of leaders.

As always, the conference will include a broad spectrum of speakers. The schedule includes topics of interest for everyone: municipal administrators and field personnel, utility arborists, and commercial arborist. Also don't miss the opportunities to earn continuing education credits: ISA and MCA certified arborists, Massachusetts pesticide credits, safety credits (including CTSP), MCLP, and MQTW! Find the conference program and a registration form in the centerfold of this issue, or register online at our website ([www.masstreewardens.org](http://www.masstreewardens.org)).

**Safety Note:** The Mass Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association Board of Directors is committed to the safety and well-being of our communities, and we are taking every precaution to keep our members safe. To this end, masks will be required when indoors at this year's annual conference. Free face masks will be available. Hand sanitizer will also be distributed around the conference.

Do not attend the conference if you are experiencing Covid symptoms, you have been exposed to Covid, you received a positive Covid test, or if you are quarantining.

\*There WILL BE A REMOTE OPTION.

This option will be live, simulcasted using Zoom Webinar on the days of the conference.

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## From the President

Dear members and friends,

I hope this issue of The Bark finds you well. Looking out the window as I write I am reminded of the Sesame Street song, "There Are Chickens in the Trees". But as I search the canopies I see no chickens, just leaves, leaves, leaves. Mother nature won't you help me please? I do hope these leaves drop soon and before snowfall. Although mother nature's fall leaf color display was not the best, I was happy to see some pops of color from our young trees such as the burgundy of a Dogwood, the vibrant gold of Persian Ironwood and the brilliant red of our newly planted Black Tupelos.

As we say good-bye to the fall season, we welcome many new Qualified Tree Wardens to our network. Thank you to those who participated and thank you to the committee and presenters who make the program a success. The program continues to generate qualified individuals ready to serve their communities and the Commonwealth at the highest professional level. For those searching for more professional development, look no farther than our Annual Conference coming quickly in January. Please see our website for more details. On our website you will find registration details and an important health message about what you can do and what your Executive Board is doing to make our event as safe as possible.

I do wish that this holiday seasons brings to you good health, good times and warm memories. Whether you are spending time with family and friends or enjoying the season more quietly, I and the Executive Board wish you well. It has been said that a New England winter can blind you till the world you left behind disappears. I am proud of our Associations accomplishments for 2021 and look forward to a bright and prosperous new year.



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## UMass Announces Sensible Pruning for Beginners & Experts!

Don't miss this great offering slated to start January 25, 2022. UMass professor, Brian Kane, will be teaching a pruning course at UMass and it will also be offered through the University Without Walls program (this means you can take it online)!

Visit <https://www.umass.edu/uww/class/spring-2022/37439/sensible-pruning-for-beginners-experts> for details and registration information. 24 ISA CEUs are pending for this course. It also counts for two college credits. Please contact Brian Kane directly for more information ([bkane@umass.edu](mailto:bkane@umass.edu)).

COURSE WEEK-BY-WEEK OUTLINE	
Week	Topic
1	Course Introduction / Review Syllabus
1, 2	Review Tree Physiology
3, 4	Review Tree Biomechanics
5	Safe Work Practices
6	Pruning Tools
7	Making Good Cuts
8	Pruning Systems
9	Pruning Objectives
10	Pruning Young Trees
11	Pruning Mature Trees
12	Physiological Effects of Pruning
13	Mechanical Effects of Pruning

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## Welcome New Members!

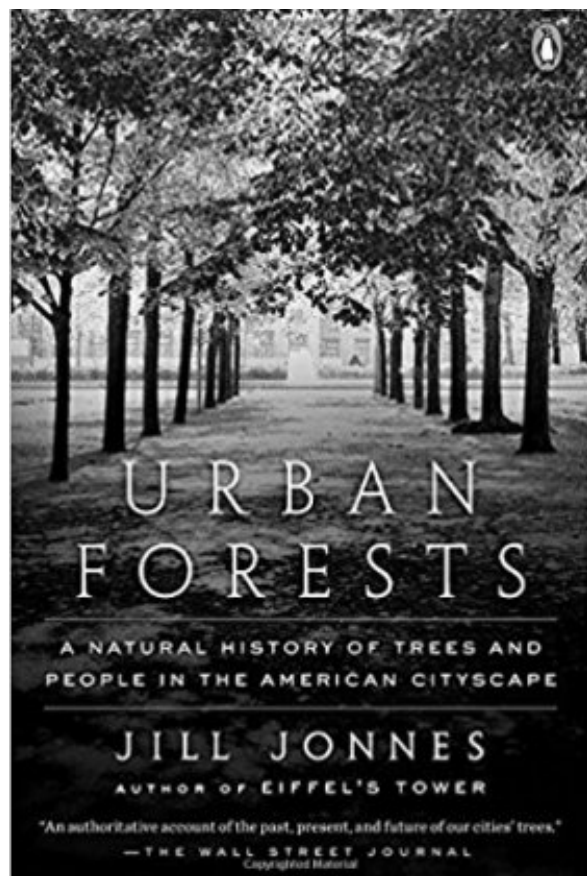
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# Book Review: Urban Forests: A Natural History of Trees and People in the American Cityscape.

Reviewed by Rick Harper, PhD, UMass

Intended for a broad-based audience interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the history of trees and people in the U.S., *Urban Forests* is a widely-ranging and deeply researched resource produced by renowned author and ambassador of trees, Jill Jonnes. This 394-page novel is informative, enlightening and features accounts with, and interviews from, some of the world's foremost authorities in urban forestry. It is written in a manner that is engaging to the casual reader, and surely gripping to any tree enthusiast; it does a fantastic job of transporting the reader to the world of urban forestry.

The Introduction appropriately sets the tone by discussing the prominence of trees in relation to everyday society from their place in art and tale, to their presence among the streets, parks, and national monuments in Washington, D.C. It also outlines the importance of studying trees and attempting to further understand the insect and disease pests that can plague our urban trees. The text is divided into 22 formal chapters, and closes with a final "Afterword."





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Chapter 1, titled "So Great a Botanical Curiosity" and "The Celestial Tree: Introducing the Ginkgo and Ailanthus", delves into the history of trees in America. It includes information about politicians that loved trees – from Thomas Jefferson to Manasseh Cutler – to the role of early tree proponents, collectors and entrepreneurs like William Hamilton, Engelbert Kaempfer and Andrew Jackson Downing. This chapter details the early naturalization of non-native trees common in the urban U.S. landscape like Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) and Ailanthus (*Ailanthus altissima*).

Chapter 2, "No Man does Anything More visibly Useful to Posterity Than He Who Plants a Tree: Inventing Arbor Day and the City of Trees" details the founding of Arbor Day and the public celebration of trees. In 1872 Nebraska City, NE was the location of J. Sterling Morton's first Arbor Day. Other celebrations and festivities surrounding the planting of trees had taken place throughout different locations of the country with various local leaders, but the celebration of the planting and care of trees under this title is what eventually spread throughout the U.S. and around the world over the ensuing decades.

Chapter 3, "A Demi-God of Trees" and "The Tree Doctor" discusses Charles Sprague Sargent who, in the late 1800's – early 1900's was "the nation's leading dendrologist, scholar, and evangelist of trees" (p. 36) and creator of Harvard University's famous Arnold Arboretum. It details his encounters with renowned naturalist John Muir and experiences mentoring under Harvard botanist Asa Gray. Chapter 3 also details the original "Tree Doctor" John Davey, English immigrant and founder of the Davey Tree Expert Company.

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# Can American Elms Return to Our Towns? The Research Continues

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October 25, 2021. "If we think about it, there's a reason so many of our New England communities have an Elm Street... there once were elms everywhere," states Richard (Rick) Harper, extension associate professor and urban forester, as he trims weeds among the research elm specimens at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Though once commonplace, mature elm trees, with their iconic vase-shaped branches, are now found mostly in archival photographs. In the 1930's, Dutch Elm Disease (DED) was introduced to North America, where it eventually devastated highly susceptible populations of native American elm across the U.S. and Canada. The community streets, parks and landscapes that were once covered with the canopies of these trees were left sun-scorched and barren.



Today, in an effort to return these lovely trees to our landscapes, Harper, along with extension plant pathologist Nick Brazee and a team of students and volunteer arborists, continues to nurture American elm research specimens on a fenced acre of the UMass Agricultural Learning Center grounds. The seed for these trees was obtained from the USDA Forest Service elm research station in Delaware, Ohio. They were germinated in the College of Natural Sciences greenhouse by undergraduate students in the UMass Arboriculture/Urban Forestry program and then transplanted to the field, commencing in the autumn of 2016. These trees represent crosses of American elm varieties that have already demonstrated high levels of DED resistance, based on previous inoculation trials. As part of this long-term research endeavor, growth and survival data are routinely recorded as the research specimens become established. Trees are monitored for structural/aesthetic performance, compatibility with urban environments, and long-term survival.

Once a year, a team of arborists from across the state convene to volunteer their time and energy towards maintaining this plot of about 200 trees. This year, in September, Greg Dorr principal of Lone Pine Tree, arrives on-site with equipment in hand exclaiming "I love the American elm. I will do anything I can to help reintroduce this tree to the urban landscape." Christopher Copeland, doctoral student in Harper's Urban Forestry Lab, is currently conducting research on Dutch Elm Disease. He feels hopeful that efforts from initiatives like the UMass restoration project will translate into a successful comeback for the American elm. According to Copeland, "to increase success of the long-term restoration of this tree, it is crucial to increase the palate of high-performing DED-tolerant genotypes that are well-suited to the challenges of urban settings."

Westfield tree warden Scott Hathaway, a graduate of Stockbridge School of Agriculture, is hard at work moving mulch from tree to tree. He expresses that he lends a hand every year because he wants to give back to 'dear old Stockbridge.' He reminisces about a Jefferson elm he planted at his home and aims to make sure people have access to the graceful native elm trees like that one in the future.

From deer browse to gypsy moth, these specimen elm trees have been challenged by multiple pests at every turn. "The fact that we have around an 80% survival rate of these trees is already a testament to how well they bounce-back from the challenges of the landscape – it will be interesting to see how they perform in the harsh urban environment," says Harper. Seedlings that were the thickness of a pencil and only a few inches tall when transplanted here are now growing vigorously. Harper, Brazee and the entire crew of students and volunteer professionals are expressing a renewed sense of excitement about the future prospect of returning Massachusetts' official state tree to an Elm Street near you.

# Spotted Lanternfly Arrives in Massachusetts

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**September 29, 2021** The MA Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced on 9/28/21 that a small, established, and breeding population of the invasive spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) was detected in Worcester County, in the city of Fitchburg. This finding was confirmed by state officials.

For further details regarding what is currently known about this population in Fitchburg and MDAR's response, [read MDAR's press release](#).

## What Should You Do?

Residents and professionals living and working across the Commonwealth should learn the life stages of the spotted lanternfly and be able to identify their eggs, immatures, and adults. At this time, it is particularly valuable to learn how to ID spotted lanternfly adults and egg masses.

If you think you have found any of the life stages of this insect in Massachusetts, [report them immediately here](#).

In particular, if you know of tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)\* growing nearby, check that preferred host for adults and egg masses and report anything suspicious using the link above. That said, spotted lanternfly adults and eggs masses (and immatures when active) may be found just about anywhere.

\*The tree of heaven is a rapidly growing deciduous tree native to China and Taiwan that has become a widespread invasive species across North America. Learn how to identify this invasive tree here: <https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven>.

## Should You Treat?

At this time, the only established (breeding) population of spotted lanternfly in Massachusetts is in a small area of Fitchburg, MA. Therefore, there is no reason to preemptively treat for this insect in other areas of Massachusetts at this time. If you suspect you have found spotted lanternfly in additional locations, please report it immediately to MDAR at the link above. If you are living and working in the Fitchburg area, please be vigilant and continue to report anything suspicious.

## What is at Risk?

The spotted lanternfly feeds on over 103 different species of plants, including agriculturally significant crops (apple, peach, grape, etc.) and trees and shrubs that are important in our managed landscapes and natural areas. Due to various factors, spotted lanternflies are also a significant public nuisance once they become established.

For More Information

- [UMass Extension: Spotted Lanternfly fact sheet](#)
- [MDAR's Spotted lanternfly fact sheet](#)
- [Nursery Best Management Practices](#) (January 2021)
- [Best Practices for Businesses](#)
- [Checklist for Residents in or near Infested Areas](#)
- Driver's Checklist  
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# 2022 Annual Conference Schedule

## Tuesday January 11, 2022

- 7:45-8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 8:35-8:50 Opening Session Annual Meeting
- 8:50-9:25 Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Update—Julie Coop and Nicole Keleher - Julie Coop, Massachusetts DCR Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator will provide an overview of the State's Urban and Community Forestry Program. Nicole Keleher, DCR Forest Health Director, will discuss the major forest health concerns in 2021 and beyond.
- 9:30-10:20 KEYNOTE Part 1—The Individual and Wellness: Managing the Stress of a New World—Jon Wortmann - To manage stress in the new world as a tree care professional, you have to be ready. Participants will learn how to measure stress. Every audience member will leave with immediately applicable ways to start feeling better.
- 10:25-10:55 Break with Exhibitors
- 11:00-11:50 Insect Pests of Trees and Shrubs: 2021 Updates — Tawny Simisky - This presentation will cover updates for need-to-know invasives as well as interesting native insects seen in 2021.
- 11:55-12:55 Luncheon—Banquet and Annual Meeting
- 1:00-2:00 KEYNOTE Part 2—The Team and Professional Development: The Happy Employee of the Future—Jon Wortmann - In the world of tree care professionals, every generation needs a new form of engagement with their organization and leadership. Participants will leave with the knowledge to create the best environment for their teams today and in the future.
- 2:05-2:45 Break with Exhibitors
- 2:50-3:40 Training Today's Arboricultural Workforce for Tomorrow's Challenges—Ed Carpenter - This presentation will outline the work of the Training Task group that has been working to determine how to best include training in the ANSI Z133 Safety Standards for Arboricultural Operations and how that may influence the future OSHA Tree Care Operations standards.
- 3:45-4:15 UMass Stockbridge School and Urban Extension Update—Kristina Bezanson and Dr. Rick Harper - Learn about educational opportunities at Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass, Amherst. Attendees will hear about the latest research & outreach from the UMass Urban Forestry Extension program including the investigation of community woodbanks and ongoing elm restoration work.
- 4:20-4:30 Wrap-Up—Door Prizes
- 4:35-6:00 Reception in Exhibit Hall. Join us for a social get-together, generously supported by our exhibitors.

## Wednesday January 12, 2022

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:05—9:55 Long Term Planning with Successional Planting Strategies—Andrew Balon - Tree managers are faced with making critical decisions to their tree canopy on a daily basis. In this talk we will look into how these decisions effect the overall tree canopy. Successional planting strategies will be reviewed to improve upon factors such as tree diversity, age class demographics and public perception.
- 10:00-10:55 Break with Exhibitors
- 11:00-11:50 Human Performance and Resilience for Arborists—Ed Carpenter - In this talk the hidden drivers of human performance and resilience will be explored, and the impact they have on arborists' safety. NATS defines safety resilience as a worker's capacity to prepare for, recover from, and adapt in the face of stress, challenge, or adversity. NATS uses HeartMath®'s groundbreaking research, pioneered in the 1990's and published in over 397 peer reviewed publications, to help clients build safety resilience. HeartMath has extensively researched the physiological aspects of the quality of the neuro signals sent between the heart and the brain of the human body and how these signals impact workers' ability to work safely, manage risk, and perform optimally as arborists both on and off the job.
- 11:55-12:45 Lunch
- 12:50-1:50 Tree Warden Panel
- 1:55-2:45 Trees and Shrubs in the Landscape: 2022 Disease Review—Nicholas J. Brazee, PhD - Dr. Brazee will cover the most important diseases affecting landscape trees and shrubs over this past year. Specific topics will include vascular wilt diseases, maple anthracnose, shoot tip blight of red oak, and various other diseases that were observed in 2021.
- 2:50 Childs Fund Raffle, Door Prizes and Closing

**The conference educational program is funded by a grant from the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forestry**

# 2022 Annual Conference Registration Form

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# Book Review

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After the pleasantries of the introductions of some of the most famous forerunners of urban forestry, Chapter 4, "This Fungus is the Most Rapid and Destructive Known" takes somewhat of a turn in that it details the origins of the deadly chestnut blight with observations of American chestnut decline in New York City, commencing in 1904. By 1911, only two of the 1500 original American Chestnut trees in the forest of the NY Botanical Garden would remain and the naturalist William Murrill would state to an accompanying journalist "it may be 100 years before we can have chestnut trees again" (p.79).

Chapter 5 "Washington would one day be famous..." details how important pioneers like David Fairchild, Barbour Lathrop, and the intrepid Eliza Scidmore, secured the place of the Japanese Cherry tree on the streets and landscapes of Washington D.C.

Chapter 6 "I knew that there were no roads in China..." outlines how Frank Meyer would roam China on foot for 13-years, becoming "one of the world's great plant collectors" (p.82). In 1913, Meyer would discover that the blight that was ravaging the American chestnut, did in fact originate in China.

Chapter 7 "A poem as lovely as a tree..." summarizes the post WWI planting memorials and initiatives that were "sweeping the nation" (p. 94). Joyce Kilmer's "Trees", a poem now synonymous with tree-related celebrations, was first published in December 1918 by the New York Times.

While Chapter 8 "Two great essentials for an arboretum..." details the passing of Charles Sprague Sargent (1927) and John Davey (1923), it also details the "birth" of the Morton Arboretum (1924), National Arboretum (1927) and the inaugural celebration of Arbor Day in Massachusetts, (also 1927).

Chapter 9 "Imagine the wiping out of the beautiful avenue of elms..." discusses the "mystery of the dead Ohio elms" (p. 117) that commenced in 1929, with confirmation of the introduction of the deadly Dutch elm disease (DED) at the Baltimore port in 1933. Chapters 11, 15 and 20 detail the ensuing loss to the American landscape brought about by the devastation of American elm populations, the struggle to protect existing trees, and re-introduction efforts through the selection of DED-resistant varieties.

Chapter 10 "A forest giant just on the edge of extinction..." outlines the 1947 discovery of the Dawn Redwood in remote Szechuan province, China, and the important role played by Elmer D. Merrill, third director of the Arnold Arboretum.

Chapter 12 "Having cities work with nature..." details the rise of urban forestry in finally becoming a recognized profession by members of government, the media and the general public. Key contributions made by prominent urban forestry pioneers, including Professor Erik Jorgensen, University of Toronto, Rowan Rowntree, USDA Forest

Service scientist and Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, John R. McGuire were discussed.

Chapter 13, "Trees are the answer..." also highlights notable contributors to the field of urban forestry including New York City Parks Commissioner, Henry J. Stern, Deborah Gangloff of American Forests, and President George H.W. Bush who urged in his January 1989 State of the Union address, the planting of "more trees from the rural countryside to the center of our cities" (p.193).

Chapter 14, "Don't trees clean the air?..." highlights the efforts and successes of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley in his effort to plant 500 000 trees, along with critical assistance and leadership from USDA Forest Service specialists Drs. David Nowak and Greg McPherson. Their ground-breaking work was critical in pioneering the understanding of the broader scope of urban tree benefits. A continuation of this work was also discussed in Chapter 19, and how the importance of further understanding of tree benefits provided 21<sup>st</sup> century politicians and civic leaders with the ammunition needed to start various million-tree planting campaigns.

Chapter 16 "I have never saw such a bug in my life..." outlines the 1996 find of the insidious Asian Longhorned Beetle in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, which was initially mistaken for vandalism. Chapter 21 discusses the additional find of this invasive insect in Worcester, MA, and highlights the concern of maple producers and tree enthusiasts throughout the Northeastern U.S., regarding the prospect of further spread of this insect.

Chapter 18 "I was surprised it was so aggressive": Waging war on the emerald ash borer" outlines the 2002 find of the infamous and destructive emerald ash borer, and the decline and death of ash trees in the greater Detroit area that would soon spread across the U.S.

Chapter 22, the final chapter of the book, titled "A tree is shaped by its experiences: The survivor trees" highlights what is known as the "New York survivor tree". This ground-zero callery pear survived the devastating occurrences of 9/11 and was nursed back to health by locals who adopted the tree as their own. This chapter also discusses the American elm that survived the 1995 Oklahoma city bombing that also achieved special "survivorship" status.

This book closes with an "afterword" that recaps the historical and cultural significance of trees to U.S., as well as discusses the prominence of Professor Robert Ulrich's 1984 study describing the hastening of patient hospital recovery if they could view urban greenery through their window, rather than a brick wall. This study, according to Jonnes, got us thinking about the importance of urban forests and urban greenery all of those years ago. Her book, *Urban Forests*, introduces these same considerations to all of us once again, through a 21<sup>st</sup> century lens.



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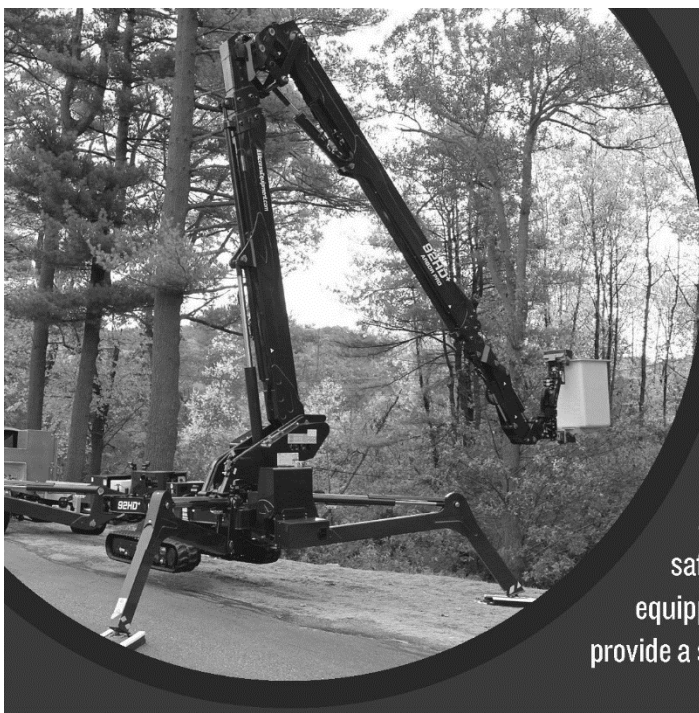
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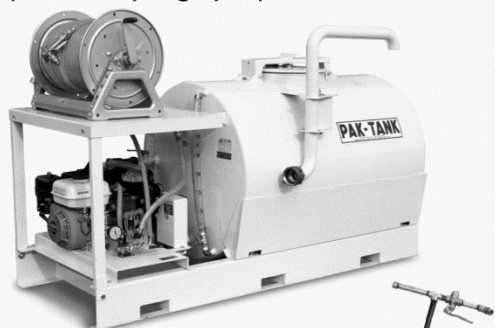


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### March

03/17/22 (Thu)	St. Patrick's Day	holiday
03/13/22 (Sun)	Daylight Saving (move clocks ahead 1 hour)	holiday
	Tree Warden Panel - Topic from Conference	
03/23/22 (Wed)	Surveys - Virtual	workshop

### EHAP

April 2022						
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### April

04/01/22 (Fri)	April Fool's Day	holiday
04/22/22 (Fri)	Earth Day	holiday
04/06/22 (Wed)	EHAP - Amherst - Date Tentative	workshop
04/29/22 (Fri)	Arbor Day	holiday

### Chainsaw Safety

May 2022						
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### May

05/30/22 (Mon)	Memorial Day	holiday
05/08/22 (Sun)	Mother's Day	holiday
05/18/22 (Wed)	Chainsaw Safety - Salem - Date Tentative	workshop

### Trees & Construction and Proper Tree Planting

October 2022						
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### October

10/10/22 (Mon)	Columbus Day	holiday
10/24/22 (Mon)	United Nations Day	holiday
10/31/22 (Mon)	Halloween	holiday
10/05/22 (Wed)	Trees and Construction - Cambridge	workshop
	Proper Tree Planting - Location Needham or Northampton	
10/26/22 (Wed)		workshop

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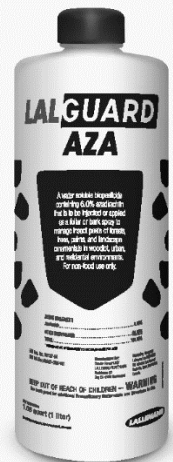
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December 31	Tree City USA Application Deadline	<a href="https://www.mass.gov">https://www.mass.gov</a>
<b>2022</b>		
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