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## THE EMERALD ASH BORER



This may seem like a “boring” topic, but if you have an Ash tree, you should pay close attention! In just a few years the Emerald Ash Borer can destroy an Ash tree. This pest has been spotted as close as Cumberland County, so it’s time for you to be proactive!

### How do I Identify an Ash Tree?

**Leaves:** Leaves are compound and composed of 5-11 leaflets. Leaflet margins may be smooth or toothed.



**Bark:** On mature trees, the bark is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees, bark is relatively smooth.



If you have a healthy Ash tree, it’s not too late! For more information about the Emerald Ash Borer or how you could save or prolong the life of your Ash trees, please feel free to contact us.

## Water: The Miracle Serum for Your Plants

There’s no big secret. Water is the most essential element to sustain plant life. Mature plants with well-developed root systems can withstand short periods of drought, but plants planted within a few years prior, as well as those with heavy moisture requirements, will need to be given supplemental watering in times of drought.

### How should I water my plants?

- **Water Deep:** Plant roots go well below the surface. Use a soaking method with low pressure and leave running for a while.
- **Rain is Rarely a Substitute:** If it is a light rain all day long, you only get about 1” of water.
- **Water at the Base:** Avoid overhead watering, as it may promote disease.



## Proactive Plan for Pesty Populations

Managing pests is best achieved when property owners and Pest Control Services like ours work together. Be aware of leaky downspouts, clogged gutters, and landscaping that collects water as opposed to diverting water from the foundation. Even with good sanitation and moisture control around a structure, pests can still find their way inside. Exterior pipe and utility line entryways are all



favorite thoroughfares for insects. Caulking and sealing cracks can help block these “pest highways”. But often, that’s not enough. If you would like to discuss how we can help you with pest populations, please let us know.



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## Shrubs Need Pruning?

Summer is an excellent time to prune those overgrown shrubs! Most of this year's growth has pushed and many varieties have finished their spring flowering, making this time ideal for pruning. We'd be happy to look at your shrubs and see how we could help make things look more tidy around your home!



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## Co-worker Spotlight

Since 2007, we have been fortunate to have Eric Ocker as one of our team members. Eric has had over 12 years of experience as a Lawn Care technician and we are happy by the many client comments we frequently receive about how polite and helpful he has been.

In 2011, Eric was the recipient of the "Tomlinson Award" which is given annually to one of our team members that has shown care and concern for clients and has also demonstrated admirable performance in the field.



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