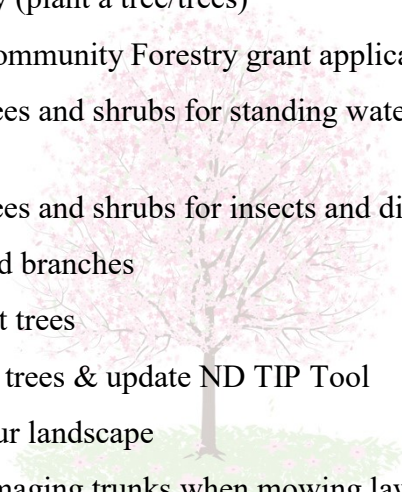# Tree Care & Management Calendar: Spring 2020-Winter 2021

Consider these tree tips when caring for your trees. Contact NDFS Community Forestry staff with questions.
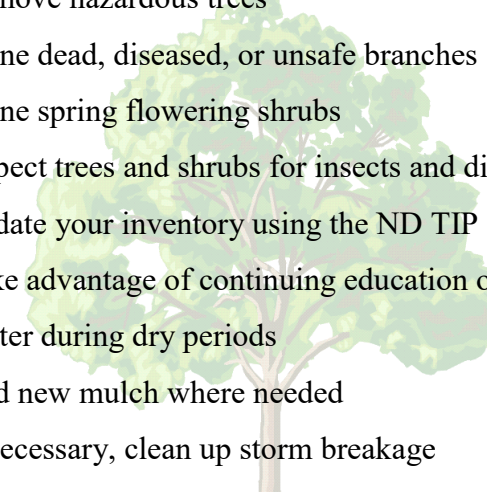
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Spring (March 19-June 20)

⇒ Arbor Day (plant a tree/trees)

⇒ Submit Community Forestry grant application(s)

⇒ Inspect trees and shrubs for standing water and/or flood damage

⇒ Inspect trees and shrubs for insects and diseases

⇒ Prune dead branches

⇒ Prune fruit trees

⇒ Plant new trees & update ND TIP Tool

⇒ Mulch your landscape

⇒ Avoid damaging trunks when mowing lawns

⇒ Take advantage of continuing education opportunities

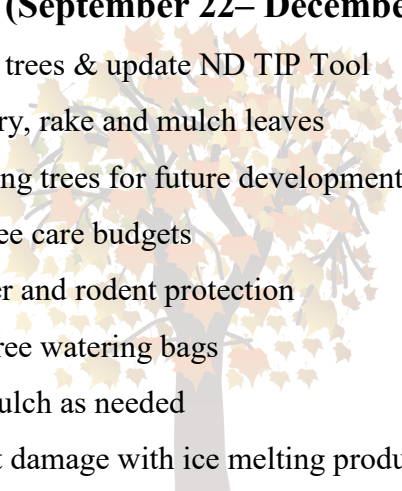## Summer (June 21-September 22)

⇒ Remove hazardous trees

⇒ Prune dead, diseased, or unsafe branches

⇒ Prune spring flowering shrubs

⇒ Inspect trees and shrubs for insects and diseases

⇒ Update your inventory using the ND TIP Tool

⇒ Take advantage of continuing education opportunities

⇒ Water during dry periods

⇒ Add new mulch where needed

⇒ If necessary, clean up storm breakage

⇒ Contact NDFS CF Staff for a potential workshop

Fall (September 22– December 21)

⇒ Plant new trees & update ND TIP Tool

⇒ If necessary, rake and mulch leaves

⇒ Prune young trees for future development and structure

⇒ Prepare tree care budgets

⇒ Install deer and rodent protection

⇒ Remove tree watering bags

⇒ Amend mulch as needed

⇒ Avoid salt damage with ice melting products

⇒ Take advantage of continuing education opportunities

Winter (December 22– March 20)

⇒ Certify or recertify as a Tree City USA

⇒ Avoid salt damage with ice melting products

⇒ Prune mature trees for structure (prune elms and oaks during this time ONLY)

⇒ Begin planning for Community Forestry grants

⇒ If necessary, clean up storm breakage

⇒ Remove hazardous trees

⇒ Inspect trees and shrubs for ice and snow damage

⇒ Inspect trees and shrubs for insects and diseases

⇒ Take advantage of continuing education opportunities