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

Consider these tree tips when caring for your trees. Contact NDFS Community Forestry staff with questions.

For more information, please visit: [https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndfs/programs-and-services/community-forestry](https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndfs/programs-and-services/community-forestry)

## 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