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Quote of the Month



Photo: Mark Bolton

"There are those who say that trees shade the garden too much, and interfere with the growth of the vegetables. There may be something in this: but when I go down the potato rows, the rays of the sun glancing upon my shining blade, the sweat pouring down my face, I should be grateful for shade."

- Charles Dudley Warner

It's Late Summer. Do You Know Where Your Tree Roots Are?



Summer is a great time to kick back, relax, and enjoy the nice weather. But it's important to remember that this month and next can be hard on trees, especially new trees just recovering from planting. Make sure trees get well established by providing enough water to developing root systems.

[Read more.](#)

Coordinator's Corner



Sarah introduces a new team member for restoration projects, reports on community tree inventories, and reminds readers to make sure your new trees stay hydrated.

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Proper Tree Selection Decreases Ice Storm Damage



WA Community Forestry Council members, Jim Freed, WSU Extension, and Sandy Salisbury, WA SDOT remind us that fall tree planting is just around the corner and now is the time to plan for new trees. You can start creating a storm-resistant community forest by selecting tree species carefully. Some trees are more resistant to ice damage than others and can be planted to reduce tree and property damage from ice storms.

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Be Firewise!



Fire is a powerful force, and summer is fire season in the West. Even wild, voracious, and seemingly unstoppable fires will literally bow down to a Firewise landscape, creeping along the ground in submission to years of careful planning and good forest management. WSU Extension Forester Kevin Zobrist writes about how you can be Firewise and protect your home.

[Read more.](#)

An island of green defensible space

City of Kent Fights Invasive Species



Blackberries and ivy kill our trees and destroy wildlife habitat. Learn how you can help.

Community Forestry Assistance Grant Success Story

The City of Kent's Parks, Recreation & Community Services used funding received through DNR's 2011 Community Forestry Assistance grant -- offered in partnership with the US Forest Service -- to assess and map the health of Kent's recently annexed Panther Lake natural areas. But they didn't stop there! The city also produced outreach information about invasive species threatening the community forest.

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HOT, HOT, HOT!



Another reason to plant trees.... shade!

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Photo: John Snell

Green Spaces Promote Wellness



When we think of improving our health, we naturally think of diet, exercise and regular checkups. But what we also need is a big dose of nature. Studies show that the more green space people have access to, the healthier they are.

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Visiting Trees in Rapid City



Do trees "make" a downtown? In hot, dry Rapid City, South Dakota, trees create a cool, inviting oasis that welcomes visitors and provides a shady place for locals to enjoy fun summer activities. Rapid City's Urban Forester talks to Tree Link about the downtown urban forest.

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Nature Explore Playscapes



Photo: Arbor Day Foundation

What would the world be like if children all had more nature in the places they live and play? Create your own backyard Nature Explore Playscape.

[Read more.](#)

Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

[The Urban Greenspaces Institute](#) works to create cities where built and natural environments are interwoven, promoting the integration of urban green infrastructure with the built environment. Their motto, In Livable Cities is Preservation of the Wild, reflects the philosophy that well-designed, nature-rich cities are beautiful, equitable, compact, and ecologically sustainable places to live, thereby reducing urban sprawl across the rural landscape.

[Got Storm Damage?](#) Thunder, lightning, 60-mile per hour winds, flash floods, and ping pong-sized hail. Yes, Mother Nature pulled out all the stops in July. While we've been hiding out from the storm our trees have been taking on the elements. Check out DNR's Ear to the Ground Blog for a quick recap of resources and past DNR blogs to help you care for your trees and know when to contact a [certified arborist](#).

August Calendar of Events, Activities and Opportunities

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