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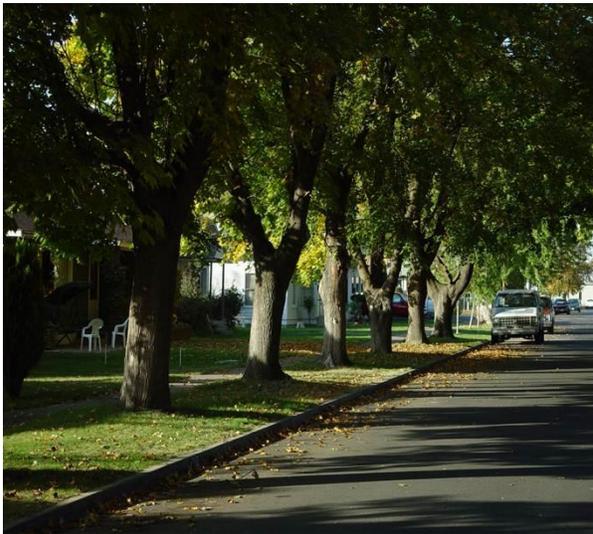
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Quote of the Month



The nation behaves well if it treats its natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.

- Theodore Roosevelt

New Year Tree-solutions



The start of the new year is a good time to review program accomplishments and look forward to program goals. Whether your goal is to become a Tree City USA, obtain a Growth Award in the upcoming year, or assure that your program follows best management practices, January is the perfect time to plan.

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Coordinator's Corner



As the Urban and Community Forestry program makes plans for the new year, Sarah reminds communities that educational, technical and financial assistance is only a phone call away.

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After the Storm



Trees are not the only victims after storms -- it is common for people claiming to be tree specialists to show up at your door offering to remove or repair your damaged trees.

Avoid irreversible tree damage and associated costs by learning what to do--and not do--in the wake of a tree-damaging winter storm.

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Don't Fence Me In



Photo: Joseph LaForest, University of Georgia,
Bugwood.org

We plant trees, but do we give them enough space? Are we looking up, down and all around, (including underground)? Communities and property owners are starting to take tree space needs more seriously.

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Tree City Growth Awards - Taking the Next Step



Vancouver will receive a 2012 Growth Award for partnering with Washington State DOT to build an oak savanna next to a park and ride.

Becoming a Tree City USA is often seen as the first step toward managing a community forest. Beyond that designation, cities can be recognized for growing the program by applying for a Tree City USA Growth Award.

Hint: The projects within each of four eligible categories are helpful in planning for the new year.

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Restoration Projects Change the Look of the Urban Forest



All in a day's work. A massive load of blackberry bites the dust!

Eight communities received help with urban forestry maintenance tasks in the first three months since state's 2012 Capitol Jobs Bill was implemented. Crews have removed tons of English ivy and Himalayan blackberry, planted hundreds of native plants, and structurally pruned hundreds of young community trees.

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Tree Care Training Makes Cents!



Ouch! String trimmer damage can kill trees.

1. Have you noticed a decline of trees in your community? High mortality rates are expensive in terms of time lost and resources wasted. The good news is that we can reduce or eliminate many of the factors that contribute to tree mortality in our urban forests... often it just takes better training for the seasonal employees who help maintain your community's parks, streets and other areas.

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Council Communique' Urban And Community Forestry Awards



The Council recognized Shirley Dzedzic for her volunteer work in Lacey.

Recognize exceptional leadership, creativity, cooperation and stewardship toward the goals of urban and community forestry in

your community or throughout Washington by nominating your favorite individual or group for a [Washington Community Forestry Council award](#).

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Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

- [Online seminars for municipal arborists](#) include [Planning to Plant Trees](#)
- Using urban wood for its "best and highest use" goes well beyond firewood and mulch. This article explains how [historic trees are turned into beautiful memories](#). ([see photo example](#))
- The Arbor Day Foundation [storm recovery web page](#) has resources to help homeowners prevent and respond to storm-damaged trees.
- Planting trees on your property can lower energy costs and increase carbon storage, reducing your carbon footprint. Check out this [new online tool](#) developed by the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)'s Urban and Community Forestry Program, and EcoLayers which [helps estimate the real benefits of trees](#).
- What's the buzz about the benefits of green infrastructure? [The Green Values® Stormwater Toolbox](#), can help you learn what green infrastructure is and does, and how it saves money. The website includes several Green Values calculators to help you understand the costs and benefits of using green infrastructure to mitigate designed and built infrastructure, such as sewers and detention basins, including increasing tree canopy.

January Calendar of Events, Activities and Opportunities

[Find an event, activity or opportunity near you...](#)

We are happy to post upcoming events. Please give us a call: 360-902-1703 or 800-523-8733



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