

How To Keep Trees And Shrubs Strong And Healthy

(NAPSA)—Homeowners spend more than \$1.5 billion each year buying new trees and shrubs for their homes. Enhancing the beauty and value of the property is the main reason behind those purchases. There are, however, other benefits:

- The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that carefully placed trees can save up to 25 percent of a typical household's energy bill for heating and cooling.

- Shrubs serve as windbreakers against cold winter winds and hot summer breezes.

Keeping trees and shrubs healthy and free of damaging insects not only contributes to a beautiful landscape, it can also save hundreds or thousands of dollars, considering the cost of a professional tree service to cut down a single tree.

“Proper maintenance and effective insect control can keep trees and shrubs healthy, strong and beautiful for many years,” said Bayer Advanced™ spokesman and horticulturist Lance Walheim.

Here are some tips to keep your trees and shrubs in good shape:

- Apply three to four inches of organic mulch around the base of shrubs and young trees to cool the soil, reduce weeds and conserve moisture.

- Water trees and shrubs

deeply to wet the entire root zone. At least two to three feet deep for trees and half that for most shrubs. When the top three to six inches of soil is dry, it's usually time to water.

- Look for signs of damaged or discolored leaves, dying limbs and oozing wounds. These could be signs of insects or disease.

- You can use Bayer Advanced Garden™ Tree and Shrub Insect Control to protect your trees and shrubs from damaging insects—including aphids, borers, Japanese and leaf beetles, leafhoppers, leaf miners, scales, thrips and others. One application protects for up to 12 months—one full year—significantly longer than competitive products. It's easy to use. There's no need for spraying. Just mix with water and pour around the base of the tree or shrub.

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