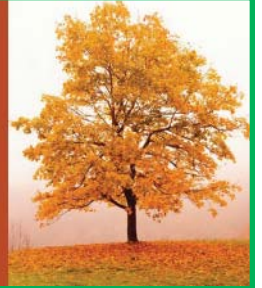




# INTEGRITY TREE SERVICES

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## SEASONAL REPORT

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### Fall is the time for: Deep Root Injections, Fertilization and Preventative Treatments to protect

against certain diseases for the upcoming season. Fall is also the season to trim Oak and Elm trees. You may know it is very important to wait until the dormant season to trim these species in order to prevent the spread of Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm Disease. There is one study that shows Oak Wilt only spreads in June, however it is certain that the disease is spread by its bark beetles. Therefore, it is Integrity Tree Services' policy to only trim when the bark beetles are not active. We do not want to risk taking chances with our clients' trees.



Tim Guikema, TSC expert, performing a Trunk Injection.

For the next few weeks, our clients can expect to see one of our Tree & Shrub Care experts treating all of the trees on their properties which have been stressed from the previous year. (*Important note: Deep Root Injections with Bio-Stimulants for stressed trees are different than fertilizer.*) Our TSC expert is also treating

specific trees which are due for their Deep Root Fertilization. This is considered general maintenance and prevention. Shane Herrema, one of our TSC top experts, is often asked about the importance of fertilization and if all fertilizers are the same. He states that not all fertilizers are the same! For this reason, Integrity Tree Services is very careful in what fertilizers and soil amendments we incorporate into our Tree & Shrub Care. We only use the highest quality products available. Many are bio-stimulants with minor elements and B vitamins to increase the vigor of stressed trees. We also use products that will not build up phosphates (salts) in the soil which can result from using cheap fertilizers. These very phosphates cause so many problems in our water sheds due to run-off and simply overuse in our environment. Our TSC experts also monitor the pH of the soil which is a key element. Your plants will only do well if the pH is kept within a certain range.

*Fall and early Spring are key times to protect trees for the upcoming growing season.* We are now injecting many trees for Anthracnose (Sycamore and Oaks), Emerald Ash Borer, Apple Scab and several species of mites.



Tim Guikema, TSC expert, performing a Deep Root Injection.

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Integrity Tree Services provides many additional services not listed in the chart below. If your need is not listed, please contact us.

COMMON SERVICES	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Frozen ground reduces turf damage when removing large trees					
Mycorrhizal injection to increase root absorption					
Water trees (if there's less than 1" of rain every 7-10 days)					
Corrective and rejuvenation pruning of shrubs					
Inspect evergreens for insect and disease damage					
Spray antidesiccant on evergreens to reduce winter damage					
Deer/rodent spray (30 day intervals)					
Inspect trees for cracked and broken branches					
Best time to prune oak and elm trees					
Tie-up/support trees in danger of snow damage					

\*All dates are approximate and may vary slightly from year-to-year depending on scientific indicators, weather conditions, and treatments. ©2006 Integrity Tree Services. All rights reserved.



### Emerald Ash Borer Update

**The state of Michigan has lost the fight against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)!** Indiana, Illinois and Ohio are now trying to contain the situation to Michigan. These states have been cutting a "fire break" which means they are removing all Ash trees for a 10 mile wide strip outside Michigan's border. Michigan is trying to stop the EAB from crossing the bridge into the U.P. The biggest spread of EAB has been from people unknowingly moving Ash firewood with EAB larvae in it. *"What can we do? Are we going to lose all our Ash trees?"*



Integrity Tree Services can protect your investment. Our state will lose most of its Ash trees as this insect continues to spread. For the past three years, Shane Herrema has been warning his clients that this will not be a fight Michigan can win. Now, we are starting to see sites of infestation on the west side of the state, both in Ottawa and Kent counties. Integrity Tree Services can treat Ash trees and protect them from EAB invasion. Protecting valuable Ash trees in our neighborhoods requires an annual treatment of Imidacloprid in the Fall or early Spring. This treatment has been proven very effective by Arborists in the heart of the EAB infestation areas on the east side of the state. If you have Ash trees in your landscape, contact one of our certified arborists to receive a free quote for the protection of your landscape investment. **Call us at 616-895-9600.**

"YOUR CARES ARE OUR CARES!"

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### What does Integrity Tree Services do during the Winter months?

*We continue doing what we do best...working with trees.*

The Land Clearing Division just purchased a Lang Stump Grinder to improve the quality of work on all of our large clearing projects. The Land Clearing Division is now the largest clearing crew in West Michigan.



Lang Stump Grinder



Morbark Whole Tree Chipper & Timberjack Skidder



Residential crews are scheduling many of our Trimming and Removal projects (Condos and Golf Courses) for the winter months. This minimizes any turf damage when the ground is frozen.

Several ITS crews are working as far as Traverse City and Coldwater due to our reputation for high quality workmanship.



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### What's New at Integrity Tree Services?

Our Integrity Tree Services family has grown considerably this past year. We have had 7 *employees* whose families have grown by 2 feet! Six of the seven babies are girls. Their daddys better keep cutting those trees! We're pleased to announce the arrival of our new family members:



- Brett Thomas McKenney (12/5/05)
- Emma Lynn Broene (12/16/05)
- Hailey RaeAnne TerMolen (12/29/05)
- Alycia Rae Herrema (3/23/06)
- Alyssa Dawn Lawrence (6/2/06)
- Addison Mae Laansma (6/13/06)
- Naomi Elizabeth Langer (8/24/06)

Joel Vaughn and his wife are also expecting their second child any day now...it's a girl!