

Hello again!

Remember the opening of our Fall/Winter 1992 Newsletter?....

"Winter is just around the corner.  
And, with luck, it will be a wet one!"

Well... we weathered the storm, and a glorious spring is here... a time of rebirth, renewal, and reflection. As you experience and enjoy the abundant beauty of our local urban forests, we offer our thoughts on current trends in tree care.

#### NEW CONCEPTS IN TREE CARE

In the past few years, trees have become viewed and cared for as individual participants in the whole system of the urban landscape. There is a growing awareness of the parallels between man and trees; as each person is one-of-a-kind as well as part of mankind, each tree is an individual, natural being in the forest environment. And, as medicine has become more holistic in its approach to human health and well-being, so too has modern tree care become more holistic in its concern for tree and plant health.

Trees in natural forests grow in groups which provide shelter, concentrated nutrients and other food sources, and protection against pests and diseases.

In the urban environment, man is the caretaker of trees and must assist them by providing an environment that promotes good health and longevity.

Trees, like humans, grow best when all of their needs are met. So, if we create healthy trees, and keep the systems of a tree in balance, then the natural defenses of the tree will tend to protect it from pests and diseases. Doing that we will get a tree that is resistant to pest and diseases, as well as one that is bursting with vitality.





