



Landscape Management Tips:

Now thru July 15 is the time to prune your Boxwood, Yews and Holly bushes!

Good time to:

- Deadhead your annuals
- Prune magnolia, pear, crab apple and dogwood trees
- Apply lawn fertilizer
- Get the hose out and WATER

From Dale's Desk

What a wild few months it has been! When we last wrote, the Coronavirus shutdown was just occurring and I wasn't sure what that was going to mean for business. Just as we were getting used to the restrictions, our building caught fire on April 14th and burned to the ground. If there's one thing that will make you forget about a global pandemic, it's a fire! That day as I was watching the building burn, I wondered if that's how it all would end. Would we be done? The next day the staff all met at a building near my home for a discussion. The field crews loaded up and went out to their customers, while the office staff started salvaging everything they could.

I am so humbled by my amazing staff who just made things happen. We didn't miss a day of work!



Fast forward

to today: we have rented a new office across Route 9 from our facility; rebuilding of our machine shed has started; and we are busier than ever! I am thankful for our customers who have supported this business over the course of its 26 year history, and especially for support this year. Thank YOU!

A Dive into Pests—Rose Sawflies



As their name suggests, rose sawflies feed on the leaves of rose shrubs. They are yellow-green in color and can grow to a ¾ inch maximum length. In general, light to moderate infestations are cosmetic in nature and rarely harm the host plant. Heavier attacks, however, can weaken plants when leaf loss stresses them to the point of vulnerability to other insect and disease attacks.

Pest Management Strategies

1. Check plants for signs of infestation. Early detection can often result in simple cultural control measures. Begin looking for sawfly larvae in mid-spring (rose sawflies) or early summer (pear sawflies). Inspect both upper and lower surfaces of the leaves. For light infestations, remove

the infested leaves and destroy the larvae. Continue checking plants throughout the growing season.

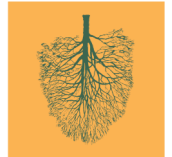
2. Support natural enemies of sawflies. Insects such as parasitic wasps, insectivorous birds, small mammals, predaceous beetles, as well as fungal and viral diseases all assist in keeping sawfly populations lower. Restraint in the use of pesticides allows beneficial species to assist your control efforts.

3. Use an Insecticide. Larvae that are discovered while they are still small can be effectively controlled with any rose insecticide spray or dust. There is no need for control after the larvae have finished eating and left the plants. When spraying, be sure to spray both sides of the leaf and the ground below the plant, as the larvae pupate in the soil prior to overwintering.



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Ligularia, commonly known as the Leopard Plant, is an under rated perennial. The plant does best in partial shade and its mustard yellow blooms grow to 24"-36".

We are looking to add various **crew members and a horticulturist** to our team! If you or someone you know might fit the bill, call Lauren for more information! 309-208-4777



We would love to have you join the ranks of our Landscape Management clients who enjoy **hassle-free landscapes**

all summer long! By letting our team take care of all the pruning, fertilizing, pest management and planting they are free to sit back, relax and enjoy their yards without all the work. Give us a call **today** to see how we can make your life easier and give you peace of mind about your landscape and its care! 309-925-5277

We'd like to recognize some of our second quarter employee anniversaries: Colin Abernathy (4 yrs), Adam Cambell (14 yrs), David Ramirez (7 yrs), Mariano Hernandez (21 yrs), Doug Getz (1 yr) and Jason Sauder (26 yrs). Thank you for making Stuber Land Design the best it can be!

Employee Updates

Spring has quickly turned into Summer and our Landscape teams keep growing!!

We are excited to welcome these new team members here at Stuber Land Design:

Jacob Cleaver joins our Landscape Construction team, bringing his experience in landscape maintenance and general construction. Jacob lives nearby in Pekin and keeps busy with his 5 children when he's not helping us create exceptional landscapes!

Nick Friedrich was also welcomed to our Landscape Construction team. He and his family reside in Manito where Nick leads evening worship and serves as a Youth Pastor. Nick has a background in education and

was always drawn to the outdoors, most recently working with students at Wildlife Prairie Park.

Logan Miller is a local Tremont resident and we are excited to add him to our Landscape Management division! Logan previously worked at Tremont Park District and is planning to continue his education at ICC in the Fall. He enjoys working outside and brings a lot of enthusiasm to the team!

Alejandro Toro joins us as a Summer Intern in our Estimating department this year. He is currently studying Architecture at the University of Illinois, where he will return this Fall. Alejandro enjoyed his time over the last year studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain!