

JOBS FOR JULY

Now that we are in the middle of winter we are watering much less frequently, especially our deciduous trees, however, if the winds should pick up, they can dry the trees very quickly.

If you have a lot of trees, you may have been repotting a lot of deciduous trees over the past couple of weeks. Remember that 'bud swell' is the best time for repotting, this usually occurs late August to early September. Look out for curl grubs around the root system whilst repotting. These grubs are the larvae of the 'black beetle', and are white like a witchity grub and eat all the fine feeder roots of the tree.

To eliminate these grubs you can use 'Lawn Beetle Killer', however, if you don't like using chemicals, submerge the tree in water for an hour to drown them.

At the time of repotting dunk your tree to ensure that it is thoroughly watered and at that time it is a good idea to reduce stress of the tree by watering with 'Seasol' or 'Super Thrive'.

Don't forget July is a great time to trim and wire your deciduous trees, taking care, as branches are brittle at this time of year.

If you have spring flowering trees, don't trim these as you might severely reduce your flowering!

July is a good time to spray all your deciduous trees and your benches with a 3% Lime Sulphur to 97% water solution which is a great fungicide. You will definitely see an improvement in your spring foliage if you use it.

Trident Maples have a vast root system and should be repotted every year or they don't look as good next year.