

ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR

WINTER TREE CARE



Learn More: RTECtreecare.com/Winter-Tree-Care

SPRAY

ANTI- DESICCANTS
ON EVERGREENS

Anti-Desiccants prevent windburn (brown needles) by reducing the amount of moisture lost through the leaves pores.

PRUNE

WHILE THE TREE
IS DORMANT

Winter is the best time to prune trees. Pruning while trees are dormant allows them to heal better and not be exposed to insects/diseases. It also stimulates flower growth.

WRAP

YOUNG OR NEWLY
PLANTED TREES

Wrapping your trees can protect them from sun scald. Sun scald is a common ailment for young or thin-barked trees in winter. It causes the tree bark to dry and crack.

PREVENT

DEER DAMAGE
ON TREES

Deer damage exceeds \$2 Billion annually. Deer also cause accidents, attack, & bring ticks to your property. Protect your trees & shrubs from feeding & male rutting with a deer protection program.

AVOID

ROCK SALT OR
ICE MELTS

Sodium Chloride dehydrates tree's roots & needles. Remove what salt you can see & water your tree to flush out the soil & its system. Or opt for Magnesium chloride melts instead.

REMOVE

HEAVY SNOW
FROM BRANCHES

With heavy snow, gently brush the snow off the branches in upward strokes. For upper branches, GENTLY use a broom in an upward sweeping motion. Don't shake branches or brush downwards or they may snap.

INSPECT

TREES
ANNUALLY

Winter, when leaves are off the tree, is a great time for inspection. Inspections can spot structural issues that could be dangerous.