



THE WEEKEND

TREE ADVISER

Love Is in the (Cold) Air

Winter Love Letters to Your Landscape

February is a funny month. Everything looks quiet, a little bare, and honestly not very romantic at first glance. But winter is when the strongest relationships are built. Trees and shrubs are conserving energy, soils are resting, and behind the scenes a lot of important biological work is happening. The care decisions made now tend to show their results later, when everything wakes up and starts growing again. Think of winter as the long-term commitment phase of plant care.

Love This, Break Up With That

Because real love means checking on your trees even when it's cold outside.



Love this: Dormant season pruning. This is the time of year when structure is easiest to see and thoughtful pruning can be done without stressing the tree. Cuts made now heal cleanly, growth in spring is more intentional, and pests are less likely to be attracted to fresh wounds.

Break up with that: Waiting until spring to “see what happens.” By the time leaves return, many issues have already been locked in for the season. Winter is when prevention actually works.

Love this: Horticultural oils. These low-impact treatments target overwintering pests while they are vulnerable and before populations explode.

Break up with that: Assuming no leaves means no problems. Many insects and diseases are perfectly happy riding out the cold and waiting for warmer days.

Signs Your Trees Are in a Healthy Relationship



Healthy trees tend to give subtle signals, even in winter. Buds should feel firm, not shriveled. Bark should look intact without excessive cracking or oozing. Branch structure should feel balanced rather than crowded or awkwardly stretched. Winter is when red flags are easiest to spot because nothing is hiding behind leaves. A tree that looks stressed now is often telling you it has been struggling quietly for a while.

Love Languages of Trees

*High standards. Higher canopies.
Care that goes all the way to the top.*



Trees do not respond to care the way people do, but they definitely have preferences. Some thrive on space and airflow. Others need protection from pests before they ever show visible damage. Many trees value consistency more than intensity. Regular monitoring, timely interventions, and patience tend to build stronger outcomes than reactive care. Winter is when we learn what each plant actually needs rather than what we hope it needs.

Why Winter Is the Season of Trust



Cupid thinks it's time for you to give us a call...

There is no instant gratification in winter plant care. No blooms, no lush growth, no dramatic before and after moments. What winter offers instead is trust in the process. Structural pruning, pest prevention, and long-term planning all happen now with the understanding that results come later. Plus, nothing says "I care" like setting your landscape up for a healthy spring.

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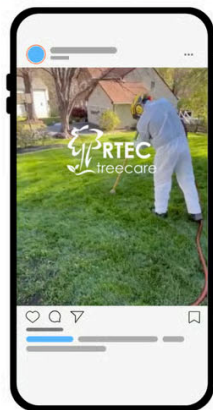
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