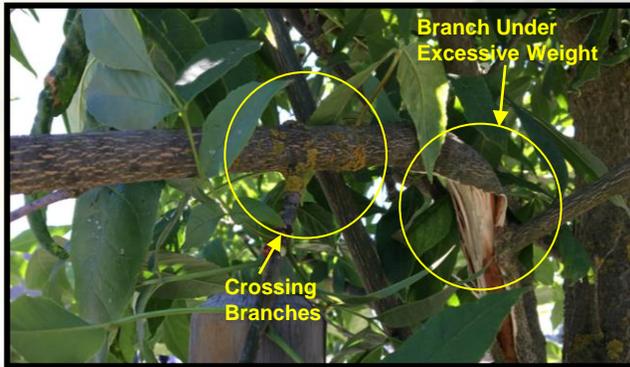


Structural Pruning

I am going to go out on a limb and talk about structural pruning of the trees on your property. Structural pruning isn't just for aesthetics but plays an important role in the overall health and safety of your trees. Pruning removes the dead and dying branches and stubs and allows room for new growth. It also protects your property and the property of others from damage by reducing the length and weight of the limbs that compete with the leader.



Our arborists also place a strong emphasis on corrective pruning. Corrective pruning addresses structural defects such as co-dominate leaders, crossing branches, or branches with bark inclusion. Addressing those structural defects can prevent failure down the road as those defects begin to grow in size. Couple that with heavy branch weight and you have a recipe for failure. It only takes one good storm to knock dying/dead limbs out of trees which can cause damage to homes, vehicles, the landscape, or even injure someone. Structural pruning also deters pests and animal infestation and

Winter in the PNW

promotes the trees' natural shape and healthy growth. Trees are one of the most valuable natural assets on your property and keeping them healthy is key. Please reach out to your Area Manager or SOS who can connect you with our in-house Arborists who would be happy to provide you with an arbor assessment and/or arbor health care plan.

Winter Turf Treatment

While our lawns are mostly dormant during the winter, turf is still susceptible to moss and mold, especially with the cool and wet weather here in the PNW. If you have ventured anywhere into the mountains or forests in our beautiful region, you have probably noticed the amount of moss that seems to be growing everywhere. It is beautiful to see in the forests but not so pretty when it takes over our lawns.

Moss growth requires a high-moisture environment. In the PNW, growth normally starts with fall rains and reaches a peak in early spring. Because most grasses grow poorly in winter, mosses can invade and dominate lawns in only a few months. Sulfur-based fertilizers (ammonium sulfate and iron sulfate) can be applied to a lawn to provide plant-essential nutrients (e.g., ammonium, sulfate, and iron), which will stimulate turfgrass growth while also killing moss. Help your turf get a head start on spring by approving your winter turf treatment proposal!

Seasonal Color

As the dark days of winter recede, and the first signs of spring appear, now is the time to add to the value of your landscape by adding some fresh seasonal color. A fresh planting of bright colors can set you apart from the crowd. Whether to entice new tenants to your commercial site or bring in new residents into your HOA, annual color delights everyone and shows you care about the details!

We offer three seasons of color installation. Great places to consider are poolside, patio, common areas, roundabouts, raised beds or the peaceful bench along a walkway. Don't forget those places where a hanging basket would do nicely! There is always room for a bright splash of color or go big and make a statement! No containers? No problem, we can show you a selection of containers that can enhance your environment. Sun or shade, one season or all three, let us help you bring on the color. Contact your Area Manager or SOS today as we would like to make your 2021 brighter than ever!

