Taking care of shade trees in winter is a great way to get the jump on the spring season.

Now is an excellent time to inspect trees for decline or decay, broken limbs and signs of scale insect attack and start correcting these problems before spring arrives, according to J. W. Joy, vice president of The Davey Tree Expert Company. To restore a tree's strength, deep root feeding can be done whenever the ground is not frozen. Dormant spray applications for control of scale insects and Dutch elm disease can be done in late fall through early spring, weather permitting.

Pruning, cabling and bracing, removing dangerous trees and stumps, woodlot cleanup, vista pruning, or tree planting — if the ground is not deeply frozen — can be accomplished during winter months. Pruning, one of the most important tree care steps, can be done at any time of the year. Even in the dormant period, dead wood can be identified by bark discoloration, fungous growth, or appearance of the buds.

If dead branches and stubs are not pruned out, decay can spread into the sound wood until large branches or even main trunks become hollowed, weak and dangerous. Pruning out dead limbs improves the appearance of your trees, eliminates breeding sites for insects and disease, and risk of serious injury to people and property.

While many types of tree care can be done throughout the year, such services as tree moving and spraying must be timed to weaker, geographic location or insect life cycles.

A new calendar of tree care, describing the correct timing for all kinds of tree care, is available to homeowners in a new 36-page color booklet offered by the Davey Tree Company. Nearly 10,000 copies of the new four-color illustrated "Davey Guide to Tree Beauty and Tree Care" have been sold since it was released last May.

The booklet provides technical information in layman's language to help homeowners determine the general health of their trees, provide for their care, or select the most desirable tree and locate and plant it properly.

Copies at $1.00 each can be ordered by writing Davey Tree, Department 9A, Kent, Ohio 44240.

**Area Injection Dealers Discuss New Techniques**

On January 18, Guardian Tree Experts hosted a meeting of the Washington, D.C., area dealers of Mauget Injection Products. There were approximately forty tree men from Maryland and the surrounding states present.

Del Kennedy, vice president of Mauget Tree Injection Process, Inc., the new distributing company of Mauget Injection Products explained that C.L.M. National is no longer involved with these products. He feels that through the new company there will be more information and better service for the dealers.

Walter Money of Guardian Tree Experts went over the use of Benlate benomyl fungicide in the prevention and control of Dutch Elm Disease and told of experiences we have had with it in the past year.

Inject-a-cide B, an insecticide, has now been labeled by EPA for use this year. It is helpful in the control of elm leaf beetle, aphids on maples, ash and lindens, and red spider mite on pines.

There was a general brainstorming session of all the dealers' experiences and problems.

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