

IRRIGATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ AUTOMATIC VALVE-CONTROLS
- ✓ POP-UP SPRINKLERS
- ✓ PVC PIPE FITTING
- ✓ PUMPS
- ✓ REPAIR SLEEVES - PARTS
- ✓ J-M - MOODY - GRISWOLD -
THOMPSON - SAFE-T-LAWN
- ✓ COMPLETE DESIGN SERVICE



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The 1975 United States Open Golf Tournament is now past history. I am sure it will not be forgotten for many years by the U.S.G.A. Committee, Members of Medinah Country Club and especially Superintendent John Jackman. John lived with #3 course for the past three years. The course at the first part of the week of the tournament was in perfect condition, just beautiful. And then came the rains. A big percentage of the preparation had disappeared. When things of this kind happen, what does one do? It would fill a book to explain all the details that were required and the work that is involved after everyone has gone home. Cheer up, *John*, it is only three months until hunting season.

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ARE BIRCH TREES ON THEIR WAY OUT

Birch trees offer some of the most beautiful landscape trees available to the home gardener. Unfortunately though, these trees are threatened by an insect pest that is making them very difficult to grow. The pest is bronze birch borer and is capable of killing even large old trees says James A. Fizzell, University of Illinois Extension Horticulturist in Cook County.

Infestation is first noticed when tips of upper branches turn brown. These branches progressively die back until the entire tree is killed. Branches infested by borer often exhibit swollen ridges on the branch. When you look at the inner bark of an infested branch you will see numerous burrows. The burrows are packed with sawdust and contain a small white grub.

The grub will complete its growth and emerge in June as a tiny beetle. Beetles cut their way out of a branch, leaving small "D" shaped holes. The beetle then lays eggs in the cracks of the bark. The eggs hatch in about 10 days. The borer then works its way back into the tree to repeat the cycle.

Control is very difficult especially in severe infestations. The recommended material is Cygon (dimethoate). Most effective applications are made the first and third week of June.

Trees should also be fertilized and watered to maintain vigorous growth. Pruning can also be used to remove infested branches thus reducing overwintering populations.

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