



In-Ground Feeder Keep Trees Healthy

TREES surrounded by asphalt are like a runt pig in a healthy litter—neither get enough of the essential nutrients to sustain growth.

Wayne Smith, owner and operator of AAA Tree Service, Tampa, Florida has found the answer, however. He's invented a unique device called W.A.N.E. (water, air, and nutrition exchange) that is not only keeping trees alive, but helping them to grow.

It's a heavy-duty plastic housing which holds a removable inner sleeve containing time-release nutrients. The housing is inserted into a four-inch diameter hole drilled 18 inches deep through the asphalt. The perforated top protrudes one-quarter inch above the ground.

Fertilizer pellets are placed in the inner sleeve; gravel is added to fill the cannister. It is then inserted into the outer shell. Water and air filter through the gravel and solublize the fertilizer which is carried downward to the root zone.

Smith says the system can be installed in 10 minutes and annual servicing can be accomplished in another simple 10 minute operation. He recommends inserting the W.A.N.E. system at 10 foot intervals around the tree, approximately five feet from the drip line of the canopy.

Can be installed in a street, parking lot or any place where asphalt is inhibiting tree growth.

For more details on the W.A.N.E. Tree System, circle (719) on the reply card.

