



## Notes from the Arborist...

### MYTHS VS. FACTS: Fall Fertilization

**Myth:** *Fertilizer is food for trees (tree feeding)*

**Fact:** Fertilizer provides nutrients to trees, thereby enhancing their ability to produce food through photosynthesis

**Myth:** *Trees become dormant with no root activity after their leaves have dropped*

**Fact:** Root absorption and growth continues until soil temperatures approach freezing

**Myth:** *Fertilizers with the same N-P-K (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium) ratio are the same*

**Fact:** Fertilizers can be readily available or slow release, and may contain micro-nutrients, beneficial bacteria, and fungi spores

**Application Timing:**

September – early November



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