



## Notes from the Arborist...

### MYTHS VS. FACTS: Spring 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 have no root activity until they 'wake up' and their leaves emerge*

**Fact:** Root absorption and growth increases as soil temperatures warm throughout the spring

**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:** April through June



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