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What's The Buzz?



Good morning all!

We at RP are buzzing with anticipation as Illinois gears up for a historic cicada invasion. Not only will one, but two different broods of periodical cicadas will be emerging from their underground slumber, creating a buzzing phenomenon not witnessed since 1803. For those of us who lived through the Cicada Fests of 1990 and 2007, we have some experience, however this will be **Cicada Mania 2024!**

So get ready for the symphony of the 13-year brood and the 17-year brood set to erupt across the state in a synchronized spectacle....or freak show depending on

your point of view! Almost anything en masse can be creepy, so surely many will find the sheer number of these winged noise makers with their crunchy exoskeletons and bulbous red eyes more than just a nuisance ... it might trigger a primal unease. Their otherness emphasized by the molted skin fixed to the trees and scattered on the ground (~shiver~). But despite their numbers and somewhat nightmarish appearance, cicadas are harmless to humans and pets. They don't bite or sting, however they do weaken young trees and shrubs by creating slits in the branches to lay their eggs. Over time, those weakened branches can wither and die. Once the cicada eggs hatch, the nymphs attach themselves to the root of the tree.

Starting in late April, cicadas will begin emerging up through your garden soil, and the host trees that sustain them will be their first stop. Protecting those trees, especially the young, vulnerable ones, will become paramount to maintaining their appearance...and we have the solution!! We are offering installation of one of two coverings that can be wrapped around the tree limbs, creating a barrier against cicada damage. There is a light mesh netting that is almost invisible, and a tighter weave cloth that is visible (see photos below). The cicadas presence is expected to last 4-6 weeks, ending some time mid-June, at which point the coverings can be removed and the garden (and life) can return to normal. At that time our team can remove the fabric and assist in clearing away the remaining debris to ensure your yard is ready for fun summer events, family activities, and outdoor living.



Contact your Client Steward directly for a quote to wrap your trees and shrubs, or call our office 847-549-1361 Monday-Friday, 8:30a-5:00p. Our team will respond quickly to ensure your garden is protected.

For our nature enthusiasts, this is a once in a generation experience, so enjoy!...or hide indoors until it's over, depending on your preference! 😊

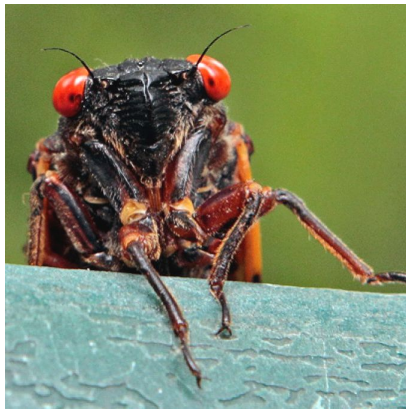
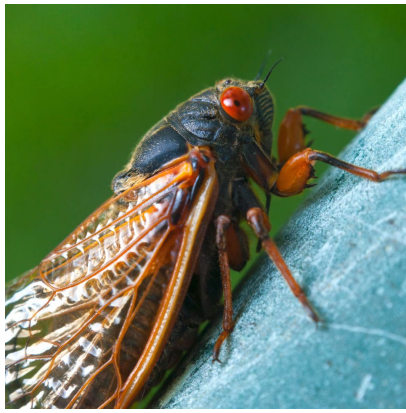
As always, we appreciate the trust you place in our team to steward your cherished gardens and we look forward to serving you in the upcoming season.

Warmest Regards,

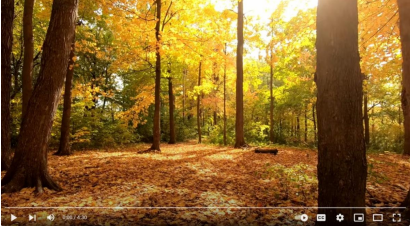


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If you are interested in learning more about these noisy creatures, click any of the photos below for more information:



Or take 5 minutes to watch this informative video:



Garden Steward Team

With regularly scheduled maintenance completed for the season, the Garden Steward team will be focused the following:

- Winter pruning (as weather permits)
- Snow services (as contracted)

Plant Health Care

CLOSED UNTIL SPRING

Contact Information

Feel free to contact your Garden Steward directly with any questions or requests for service. Or contact our office 847/549-1361, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

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