

# THE WOODLANDS TREE EXPERTS

## NEWSLETTER



**November 2024**

Winter may be coming, but that doesn't mean your trees are taking a vacation!

### Beetles and Drought: A Double Threat to Our Trees

- Pine trees are struggling against drought and a serious beetle infestation.
- Why the beetles? When trees suffer from lack of water, they become stressed, emitting pheromones that attract boring insects like pine wood beetles. This means weakened, stressed pines are easy targets.
- Drought Damage: We're seeing a dramatic increase in dead pines and other trees due to prolonged dry conditions, which has also led to soil shifting and root breakage. Trees are facing a combination of
- stress factors, and need our help to stay resilient.



### How to Water Your Trees Properly

*Watering is essential for tree health – and how, matters!*

- Aim to give your trees an inch of water each week, every week (account for rainfall).
- Best Practices:
  - Water deeply and less frequently. Weekly watering is ideal if you can provide an inch in one go, but this could require 12 hours of watering, which is a lot for most.
  - Measure how much you're watering: Place a coffee mug in your zone, run your system as normal, and check the water level in the mug. This helps you adjust watering time for each zone.
  - Timing is everything: Watering at night is most effective, as you lose less water to evaporation and wind.
  - Watch for runoff: Residential yards are often sloped, and water can end up in the street if applied too quickly.





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### Fall Fertilization: MicroLife is Ed's Top Choice

Give your plants a boost before winter with MicroLife fertilizers.

- **MicroLife for brown patch** makes quick work of brown patch fungi for St. Augustine grass.
- **MicroLife Ultimate + Humates Plus:** Great for non-St. Augustine areas like flowerbeds, vegetable gardens, and more. This mix promotes strong, healthy soil and is safe for pets (Ed even tested it – not tasty, but effective!).



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### Upcoming Events

Check out any upcoming events at:  
<https://thewoodlandstreeexperts.com/events>

### Yard of the Month



Yours! With proper watering and fertilization, your tree could become a lush show stopper in spring!

**MicroLife™**  
**BROWN PATCH 5-1-3**  
All Organic Biological Fertilizer

