

The Green Resource

GLI Rescues Client's Trees After Tornado

Before



Note the exposed roots on these Pines!

June 5, 2003 Stroud OK

Tornadoes are hard on trees!

Just check out this picture at left. **Three large pine trees** at Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wilson's residence in Stroud were partially uprooted by not one, but two tornadoes this spring.

the trees were in good shape despite the storm. At that time, Mr. Wilson informed me that they lost 18 trees in this same storm. As you can see from the pictures, **one tree was laying completely flat and the other two were laying over at a 40 degree angle.**

These three pines were over 20 feet tall and over 19" in diameter. The streets in the neighborhood were littered with trees and debris from houses. Large piles were stacked along the road waiting to be loaded and hauled off.

Greenkeeper's Landscapes assessed the **standing value of these three pine trees to be in excess of \$3,000.00.** With labor to remove the downed pine trees and to install new pines of this size (if they were available), **we are confident that we saved Mr. & Mrs. Wilson well over \$6,000.00 by rescuing these beautiful pine trees.**

After



These Rescued Pines will now live long lives!

Mr. Wilson had consulted with local people but was told by most that they couldn't be saved. However, after talking to **Les Butler of Silver Bullet Pest Control** the Wilson's gave Greenkeeper's a call for our professional opinion.

By the way, we highly recommend Silver Bullet (438-7540 ask for Les) for your indoor pest control needs. I told Mr. Wilson that I would look at the trees, and that there was a chance they could be saved. Mr. Wilson described how much of the tree roots were exposed and followed our instructions for care and preparation. After a close inspection, we determined that

July Services Delivered To Your Property

- Watch for Lacebugs on Azaleas
- Inspect for Black Spot on Photinia / Roses
- Red Spider Mites are now present on shrubs such as Dwarf Alberta Spruce and Boxwood
- Look for "Hot Spots" that are dry in turf and beds
- Trim Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs as needed
- Mow, Edge and Trim all turf areas
- Mid-season trim for Ornamental Trees
- Check Sprinkler Systems for 100% coverage
- Pull Weeds in beds and Mulch as necessary

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Lessons Money Can't Buy

Wichita, KS. Fathers Day, 2003.

This year's Fathers Day was the best ever for me. It included a family reunion and much more. There is nothing more satisfying as a parent than to see your children grow in wisdom and maturity. I remember full well when the things my parents had taught me began to have real meaning. (Oh, I didn't tell **them** at the time, but I remember the moment of realization like it was yesterday.) At Greenkeeper's (GLI), our business is more than a job. Early on with GLI we wanted to provide a place where young men could learn skills and build a future. My son, Jeremy Bevins, recently moved to Wichita and began his own



Jeremy and Randal in uniform. Chip off the old block?

lawn and landscape business and now understands what the "old man" was trying to say many years ago. Jeremy has been helping in the garden since grade school and worked along side me in the business for several years. What satisfaction it brings us to know that the things we have taught him have prepared him for a business of his own. Always a hard worker, Jeremy certainly has the work ethic for this business.

The best gift to me was this heartfelt note that Jeremy wrote on Father's Day.

"Happy Father's day. Thank you so much for all you have done for me. Thank you for giving me something that money can't buy; teaching me something I can use to take care of my family, and something I can pass on to my son. Thanks, I love you, Jeremy."

How sweet it is! We're proud of you Jeremy!

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Protect Your Valuable Plants From Harm

Our winter was hard enough to take care of certain pests on your shrubs, but many are now back in full force. It's time to keep an eye out for problem insects that can damage your valuable plants.

One such insect (actually an Arachnid not an insect) is the Red Spider Mite that preys on Boxwood, Dwarf Alberta Spruce and other shrubs. This spider sucks the plant juices and can lower the chlorophyll content of leaves by as much as 35%. If you remember from science class, chlorophyll is very important to plants. Mites may make their presence known through any number of signs of poor health— slow growth, leaf drop and discoloration. Look for white spots on the leaves similar to those we told you

about on Azaleas. A hand lens is helpful here also. Look for a small spider about the size of a grain of salt. Another tool you may use is a piece of white paper to shake the spider mites on to from the shrub. If you see signs like these on boxwood or other evergreens, call us right away for quick service.

Since you see your plants every day, help us keep your plants in top notch shape. Call us at the first sign of insect We will inspect them for you and determine if your plants need to be sprayed now or not. We only recommend spraying if it is necessary. **Call 234-3810**