



# FS Commercial Landscape News



*"We Keep the Grass Greener"*

**Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas.**



## Seminars

I really love these tree seminars at UCR. It gives me time to write my newsletter, and gives me fresh material to relay to you, our customer. The information is accurate, up to date and without wives tales included. Dispelling myths on landscape care could be a whole newsletter in itself. This particular seminar was on trees for urban and suburban landscapes. It was conducted by Ed Gilman, Professor at University of Florida, Ph.D.



## Pruning

Dr. Gilman's main emphasis was to show how pruning can effect a trees health. Making a flush cut on a tree can open it up to disease and decay; because the wound will not heal properly. Making a cut on the branch collar allows healing to take place as it should. Just knowing this could prolong the life and health of a tree dramatically. What are the three main reasons to prune?

1. To promote the health and vigor of a tree.
2. To provide an area around the tree that is safe.
3. To maintain the beauty and structure.



## Curb Appeal

Trimming trees can add a touch of class to the overall look of your facility. When you can actually see through the trees to the buildings behind them, it says somebody really cares. They care about the appearance of their buildings. They care about falling branches. They care about branches hitting buildings, roofs, trucks and pedestrians. It's a subtle look. It's a subliminal impression to the untrained eye. It says we are professional, we believe in quality.



## Root Systems

The major components that effect a trees root system are soil, water and air. Believe it or not, tree roots need air to breathe. That's why the majority of tree roots are located in the top 18" of soil. Too much water will literally drown a plant, or shut down its metabolic process. Root systems can also be dramatically effected at the nursery. Trees left in too small of containers to long will start circling or girdling. This will not allow the tree roots to spread out when planted. These roots will not stabilize the plant against falling over and they will also start to strangle the tree. Picking the correct nursery stock is key to having a good future landscape.



## Tree Tips

If we trim your trees, we can cut some of the wood into fireplace size logs and deliver to your home. We can also chip it and drop the compost for you at your choice of locations.

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