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Hello from everyone at Arbor Hill Tree Farm. The spring has turned out to be a rather wet season. Installs of our spring orders have been going well, despite the wet conditions. Our smooth track ASV really works well to get into finished sod sites without turf damage.

In this, our 2nd quarterly newsletter of 2010, we will touch on fertilizing and soil enhancement we recommend for new tree installations, along with watering guidelines. Also June, July and August are great times to take advantage of our seasonal promotional prices on evergreens and shade trees. Please check out our web site for promotions and special offers at

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& Soil Enhancement

We are frequently asked by our customers what to add to the soil when planting trees. We recommend 2 products.

* The first product is **mycorrhizal transplant inoculant**. This product contains mycorrhizal fungi, which is abundant in forest soils, but many times is not present in residential areas due to grading of construction projects. For landscape plants to survive environmental stresses, such as low soil fertility, drought conditions, and temperature extremes they use the mycorrhizae to help absorb, accumulate and transfer water and mineral elements.

*The second product is worm castings. **Worm casting** is actually worm manure. It is an odor free, naturally organic substance that is very beneficial to a plant. It has good water retention, provides a slow release of nutrients and helps the plant absorb more oxygen helping a plant remain healthy, giving it a better chance to fight off disease, infections and pests.

- We sell both these products in packets in granular form and the amount used is dependent on the size of tree you purchase.

Watering

- Although this season has seemed rather wet, your watering of your new trees should continue. Root structures of trees can be rather deep, so many times a 1 inch rain seems like a lot, but it may not get to the deepest extent of the roots. Deeply soaking your trees will help them form to grow roots deeper, preventing shallow surface roots. The amount of water you give trees is dependent on the size and type of tree and what type of soil they are established in.

-Jerry and Lisa Knutson