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Drought Watch

Why Prune?

- There are several consequences of not conducting a regular pruning program. These include: increased risk of failure, development of low limbs, formation of co-dominant stems, defects such as included bark and dead branches, and obstructed views. When properly executed, benefits can occur include reducing risk of branch and whole-tree failure, better clearance for vehicles and pedestrians, and improved appearance.

<http://hort.ufl.edu/woody/why-prune.shtml>



Recent snow melt along with a fairly dry spring season has failed to adequately recharge the groundwater under a large swath of Pennsylvania, causing the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a "drought watch".

The low groundwater levels, caused by a dry fall and below-average precipitation levels in January thru May, can cause private and public well-fed water supplies to go dry, according to the DEP.

Counties under the drought watch are Berks, Bradford, Cambria, Carbon, Clinton, Columbia, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Westmoreland, and Wyoming and Others to Follow.

Make sure you are watering transplanted and newly installed plant materials responsively and effectively. You must also, monitor established plants to help ensure its survivability.

If you have automatic irrigation systems or low volume irrigation - make sure you perform a seasonal adjustment.

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