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Summer Tree Care in Coastal Rhode Island: What to Watch in May June & July

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As we move into late spring & summer, trees across Narragansett & South County are entering a critical period. What we see above ground—leaf growth, color, & density—is only part of the story. Below the surface, trees are responding to stress from winter damage, salt exposure, & shifting moisture conditions.
This time of year is not just about growth; it's about resilience.

May: Recovery & Early Stress Signals
By May, trees should be fully leafing out. This is when underlying issues begin to reveal themselves:
- Delayed or uneven leaf-out
- Dieback in branch tips
- Winter burn on evergreens

These are often signs of root stress, drought injury, or structural concerns. Early evaluation allows for targeted pruning & plant health care before problems escalate.

June: Growth, Pests & Structural Management
June brings active growth & increased vulnerability:
- Insect activity (including scale & leaf-feeding pests)
- Fungal leaf diseases
- Structural weaknesses becoming more apparent under full canopy

This is an ideal time for:
- Strategic pruning (not over-pruning)
- Monitoring & managing pests
- Evaluating trees near homes, walkways, & parking areas for risk

Remember: tree failures are rarely random; most are predictable & preventable.

July: Heat, Drought & High-Stress Conditions
By mid-summer, trees are managing heat, humidity, & often inconsistent rainfall:
- Soil moisture becomes critical
- Shallow-rooted trees begin to decline
- Compacted or poor soils limit water uptake

Proper watering, soil health care, & in some cases plant growth regulators or targeted treatments can help trees conserve energy & withstand stress.

Why This Matters for Property Owners
Trees are not just part of the landscape—they are assets. They provide shade, increase property value, & contribute to the character of our coastal communities. But unmanaged trees can also become liabilities.
A proactive approach of inspection, prioritization, & phased carehelps:
- Reduce risk & liability
- Avoid emergency removals
- Extend the life of valuable trees

A Different Approach to Tree Care
At Arboreal Solutions, we take a consultative, plant health-focused approach. That means evaluating your landscape as a system, prioritizing preservation where possible, & making informed recommendations when removal is necessary.

If you're unsure how your trees are handling the transition into summer, now is the time to take a closer look.