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Delay Oak Pruning

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Don't prune oak trees in the spring, especially during May and June when oaks are most susceptible to infection by oak wilt fungus. University plant pathologists suggest applying a tree dressing if an oak tree is "wounded" by a windstorm, lightning or other natural causes.

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Attention Gardeners:

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University horticulturist Orrin Turnquist recommends against working the soil when it is sticky and clings to your shoes or gardening equipment. Don't pack the soil by raking excessively.

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Keep Tomatoes Inside

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Tomatoes should be seeded indoors during the first half of this month. These will make excellent transplants in six weeks for setting out in the garden in late May after the danger of frost has past.



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Fences Protect Trees

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Fences can be erected against rabbits, but a more effective barrier is created by placing cylinders of hardware cloth or mesh screen around the base of each tree.

Be sure to wrap the tree high enough so the rabbits can't get at it by standing on the snow. University experts say using screens may be too expensive and time consuming if there are a number of trees to protect.

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