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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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Use Shears In Garden

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A good sharp pair of pruning shears is an excellent tool in spring garden cleanup. Shrub branches broken by winter snows should be removed as soon as they are noticed.

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Raking Lawn

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Wait till the frost has melted and the lawn has dried before you rake this spring. The grass may be damaged if you rake when the lawn is wet. Ordinarily one or two rakings a year are sufficient--one before the first mowing in the spring and one to clean up the lawn in the fall.

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