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News Director: With the trees budding in parts of the state, homeowners soon will be concerned about tree diseases. Give me a call at (612) 373-1780 and I can set up interviews with Extension specialists on the St. Paul Campus or over the phone --Dave Zarkin.

Silver Maple Bladder Gall

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Young Silver Maple trees can be sprayed with malathion just as leaf buds begin to open to prevent the unsightly red bumps caused by bladder gall mites. Two sprays a week apart will prevent most of the mites from entering the leaf tissue. After the pests are safely in, sprays have no effect. Bladder gall does not kill Silver Maple trees, and large trees need not be sprayed, but many people are distressed by the disfigured leaves at eye level on small trees. Although the bumps are not noticeable until mid-summer, the time for control is during the first warm days of spring.

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Planting Trees, Shrubs

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Now is the time to visit local nurseries and select trees and shrubs to plant. Bare-root trees are available now and are less expensive than the larger balled-and-burlapped kind. Minnesota Extension Horticulturist Jane McKinnon suggests Viburnums as shrubs that develop well during cool spring days. The Wayfaring Tree **Viburnum** is a good large shrub for a dry spot. Spireas planted early in spring in cool soil will also leaf out quite quickly. Golden Ninebark, Red-stemmed Dogwood and Variegated Dogwood also can be planted bareroot now.

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