



## Cicada Mania

As if the pandemic was not enough now we get to endure the periodical cicada. This event always brings up a lot of questions and fear about what will happen to your trees and woody shrubs. In short there will be damage so what should you do?

- You could protect with netting no larger than 1/4". Netting should be taken off immediately after cicadas are gone as removing the netting will cause its own damage to leaves and breaking new tender twigs on young trees.
- The second option is to monitor your young trees and if/when you see those slits where eggs were laid make sure they are pruned within 6-10 weeks before the eggs hatch. This is important because once the eggs hatch and fall to the ground the nymphs can suck sap from tree roots on their way to their 17-year nap.
- There are no chemical interventions recommended.

### **Our Recommendation:**

In summary our recommendation initially is to do nothing. The labor to have us cover and then uncover trees will be more costly than a single pruning visit by one of our landscape technicians after the cicadas are gone. Contact [dawn@werbrichslandscaping.com](mailto:dawn@werbrichslandscaping.com) to schedule your post cicada pruning visit.

### **Warranty:**

Except in very rare cases Cicada damage will not kill a plant, it will only cause cosmetic damage and will be fine as long as it's pruned as mentioned above. Therefore warranty does not apply to cicada damage.