



Leaf scorch caused by heat stress

Many of us have been seeing signs of heat stress in trees and plants from this hottest summer on record. The symptoms of environmentally caused leaf scorch include browning of the leaf margins, and a yellowing or darkening of tissues between the main leaf veins.



It's cause has been extremely hot weather, day after day of sun with little cloud cover, and the added insult of very strong winds. This is an environmental trifecta that has delivered a triple whammy to many leaves.

If you or your customers are seeing this damage, relax, the end is not nigh! The leaf damage is cosmetic only. This means the plant will leaf out next spring in a normal fashion. Other leaf issues like Tar Spot are also cosmetic only. By this late in the season, most trees have already formed their buds for next spring. Most trees can now completely defoliate, and still look good next spring.



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