

Quit Going in Circles: Managing Roots of Container-Grown Trees

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Description of Presentation

Arborists and landscapers are often concerned about the long-term impacts of root defects, especially circling roots, associated with container-grown trees. In this presentation, Dr. Bert Cregg will discuss research that his lab has conducted over the past decade on approaches to dealing with circling roots including shaving, teasing, and bare-rooting. Dr. Cregg will discuss which approaches are most likely to improve root egress into backfill and which species can be sensitive to root manipulation at planting.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Bert Cregg is a Professor in the Departments of Horticulture and Forestry at Michigan State University. He conducts research and extension programming on the physiology and management of trees, with a focus on nursery and Christmas tree production and urban forestry. Dr. Cregg has a Ph.D. in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia and was a research plant physiologist for the USDA Forest Service and International Paper before joining the faculty at MSU.