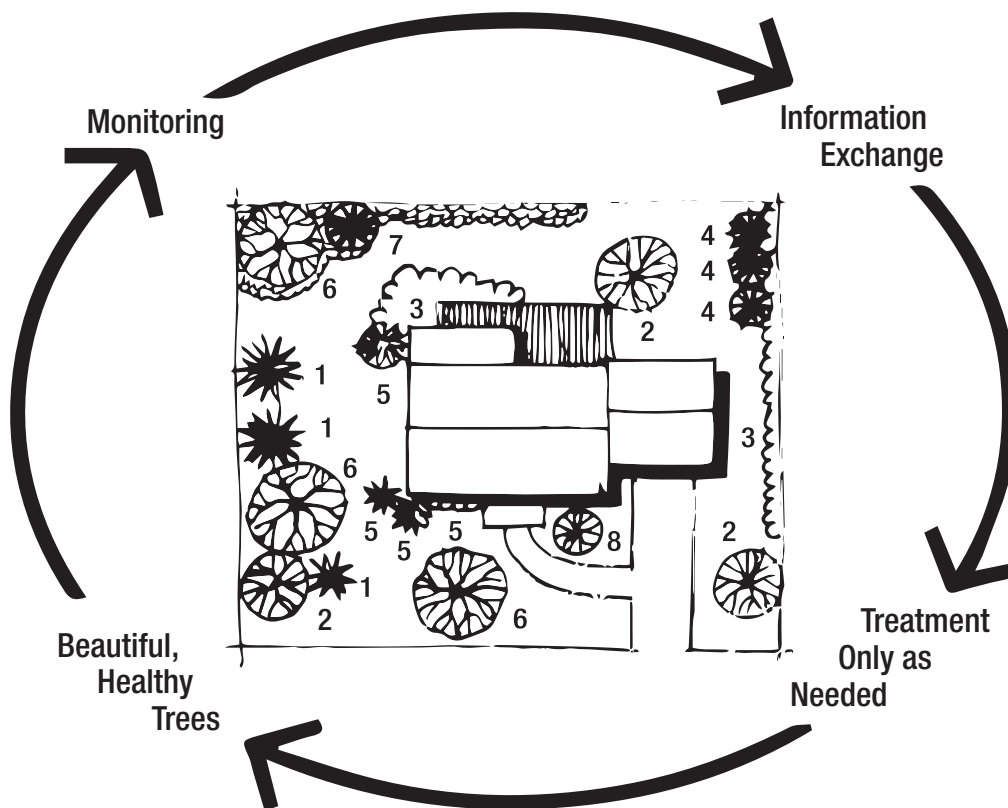


PHC – What it Means to You



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Plant Health Care (PHC) is a short title for a relatively new concept with very large potential. PHC is a systematic approach to the care of trees and other landscape plants that can save you money, save your trees, and save our environment from ever-increasing amounts of toxic chemicals.



PHC begins with a landscape map with each plant keyed with a number for easy recordkeeping. A professional periodically monitors the grounds, reports findings to the property owner, and prescribes least toxic treatments. All actions are based on actual current conditions and a level of tolerance the property owner expresses toward normal insect or disease activity.

ALSO READ ABOUT

- The five steps for implementing PHC
- Biocontrols and other tools to minimize environmental impacts
- What you can do and sources of more information

Benefits of PHC

- Detects potential problems early
- Improves tree health
- Extends the life of trees
- Saves money by breaking the cycle of constantly reacting to problems
- Reduces the use of chemicals through use of alternatives and spot applications timed for maximum effectiveness
- Reduces loss of beneficial insects through more precise targeting of controls
- Enhances homeowners' knowledge of trees and the urban ecosystem

