

Wachtel News

In 2006, Wachtel received the **Outstanding Achievement Certificate for Excellence in Safety** and a **Certificate of Safety Excellence** from the Wisconsin Council of Safety and the Department of Workforce Development in recognition of our safety efforts.

We have made several donations in 2006:

- Wachtel spent a day assisting the **Ozaukee/Washington Land Trust** and have joined the worthwhile cause as an adopt-a-site steward for the Mequon Nature Preserve.
- **Purdue University** received an old chip truck that we retired this summer. The university has fixed it up and is using it to help train arboriculture students. Our two Purdue alumni (Paul and John) were instrumental in making this happen.

Updates

Drought conditions continue. We are still seeing very dry soils. Check the soil around your trees and **water if dry**. This is especially important for evergreens, but is necessary for deciduous trees, too.

Emerald ash borer is now in four sites in the metro Chicago area and they are continuing to look for more. It still has not been found in Wisconsin and the state is stepping up monitoring this fall.

Norway maples throughout our area have been hit very hard by **tar spot**. This fungal disease is causing early leaf drop. Coming so late in the season, it should cause no health problems and no treatment is needed.