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## “Increased Fungi on Trees This Fall”



People may have noticed more than the usual black and brown spots on the leaves of their trees and other plants this year. City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board member Dr. G. Tom Surber said the unusually wet and humid year is the culprit.

“There are many more fungi and molds around than in most previous years. Some trees in Norfolk are nearly covered in black icky stuff. Many of those spots are fungus and other molds,” Surber said.

He said that removing leaves, twigs and other yard waste will decrease the amount of fungi and molds that might survive the winter to plague yards and gardens next year.



“People need to pay attention to the places we usually don’t clean very well, like odd corners full of old leaves, under shrubs and evergreens. Those excess fungi and molds are waiting to attack our trees and other plants next spring. By being extra careful with waste this fall, we will have fewer problems with fungi and mold in the spring and summer next year,” Surber said.

For more information reducing the amount of fungi and mold on plants, go to <https://byf.unl.edu/diseases>.