

NeighborWoods

TREE STEWARDSHIP



New trees require some basic maintenance, from regular watering in their first year to semi-annual mulching for their lifetime. Read more on what you can do to ensure healthy growth.

WATER DURING THE HOT MONTHS. Between April and September, you will need to water your new tree with 5 gallons of water/week – unless it rains. If you're not sure if your tree needs water, you can simply stick your finger into the ground next to the tree. If the soil feels moist, the tree is hydrated. If not, water.

When watering, do so slowly. One way is to create a mulch ring around the tree, pour 5 gallons of water into it and let the water seep down. Another method is to place a hose beside the tree and let it run on a slow trickle.



MAKE MULCH YOUR BEST FRIEND. Mulching regularly and properly keeps the soil moist and could be the single most important piece of tree care. Don't forget to create a doughnut of mulch, not a volcano, to avoid mulching touching the tree's trunk! (See picture on right.)



KEEP THE GUARD. Your new tree likely came with a white tree guard to protect it from mowing and edging blades. You can keep this on for years, until it naturally pops off. However, within a year, we advise you remove any tree tags and stakes.

