

TREE CARE GUIDE

KEEPING THE TREES HEALTHY



WATERING

A good general rule is that newly transplanted trees need an inch of water every week to 10 days. A 5-gallon container grown tree will need roughly 5-10 gallons of water per week when there is no rainfall.

Slow soaking is preferable to a heavy quick watering; considering a 5-gallon bucket that has a small hole drilled in its side near the bottom.

MULCHING

Mulch conserves more soil moisture, moderates extreme temperature changes, prevents soil compaction, reduces competition with turf grass, and helps prevent mechanical injury from mowers and string trimmers.



PRUNING

Pruning at planting is only necessary if branches are crowded, rubbing, weak, or damaged. Removal of co-dominant stems is also important to create a single leader.

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TRUNK WRAPPING

Thin-barked trees may benefit by having their trunks wrapped to prevent injuries caused by sunscald and frost crack. If wrap is needed, install in late fall and remove early the following spring to prevent potential harmful high temperatures and moisture between the trunk and wrap.



FERTILIZING

Fertilizing a tree is generally not recommended unless you know the soil is deficient in certain essential minerals.

ANIMAL PROTECTION

In areas with large populations of wildlife, consider fencing around the mulched area. Heavy, hog panel type fence will prevent damage by large animals, while smaller chicken wire or plastic tubes will help with small animals.