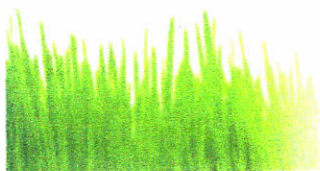


New Tree Care

The prosperity of your new trees depends on the type of tree, the location of planting and the follow-up care you provide after planting. Here's some tips to help:

- Watering
 - **If lawn has recently been sodded and is being watered according to instruction, additional watering of tree is not necessary on days 1 – 42!**
 - Days 1-14
 - Water daily, 1-2 gallons per inch of trunk diameter
 - Days 15-60
 - Water every other day, 2-4 gallons per inch of trunk diameter, depending on temperature and wind
 - Remainder of first season
 - Water weekly
 - Keep the soil moist, but not soaked
 - Overwatering causes leaves to turn yellow or fall off
 - Underwatering causes slow establishment and bark splits
 - Water at least once a week, barring rain – more frequently in hot weather
 - Continue watering until mid-fall, tapering off in lower temperatures
- Pruning
 - If branches are damaged during the planting process, minor pruning can correct
 - Prune sparingly immediately after planting
 - Corrective pruning can be done after a full season of growth
- Staking
 - Studies have shown that trees establish more quickly and develop stronger trunks and roots if they are NOT staked at time of planting
 - Protective staking may be required if lawn mower damage or windy conditions are a concern
 - Remove support staking and ties after the first year of growth
- Mulching
 - Mulch acts as a blanket to hold moisture, moderate soil temperatures and reduce weeds
 - Mulch layer should be 2 – 4"
 - Be sure tree trunk is not covered with mulch to avoid decay of the living bark



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