



Town of Irondequoit

Tree Department

Care for Newly Planted Trees

Young trees experience a great deal of stress during transplanting. Proper care during the first few years is vital to establishing a healthy growing tree.



Watering

New trees expend a lot of energy replacing roots lost during transplanting. Water your tree at least once a week from May to October and more frequently during hot dry weather. A deep, slow watering is best for the tree. Investigate the top 2 to 3 inches of soil to see if it is dry and needs water.

Mulching

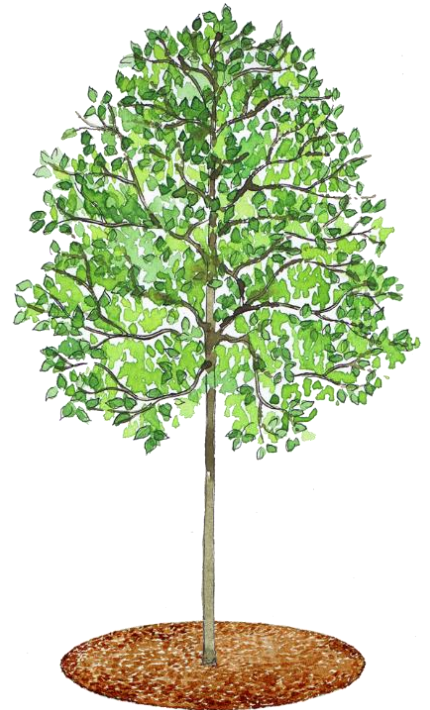
After planting, create a ring of mulch around the tree to minimize weeds and retain water. Replenish the mulch as it breaks down and replace in the spring if your road is heavily salted. Mulch should be 2 to 4 inches deep and the ring can be as wide as the branches. Do not mulch more than 4 inches and never pile mulch against the trunk as this can damage the tree. Pull up weeds and turf around the tree that compete for water and nutrients.

Support

Not all trees need to be supported, but if used, stakes and guy wires should be removed after about one growing season.

Protection

Tubes, fencing or other protection may be beneficial to protect young trees from wildlife. During the fall, male deer will rub their antlers on small trees causing irreversible damage. Any tubes or trunk protection should be removed by the spring to prevent stem decay.



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