



Tree Planting and Care Guide



CARING FOR NEW TREES

- 1. Water Consistently** - water in heavily the day of planting and then 1–2 times per week for the first year
 - Focus on deep watering to encourage strong root growth — don't just sprinkle the surface.
 - Avoid over watering — let the top couple inches of soil dry out between watering.
- 2. Protect the Trunk**
 - Use a tree guard or fencing to protect young bark from animals or lawn equipment.
 - Be gentle with weed trimmers and mowers near the base.
- 3. Skip Heavy Pruning**
 - Only remove dead or damaged branches during the first year.
- 4. Fertilize once a year in spring**
 - Use a 10/10/10 or a 12/12/12 fertilizer available at most garden centers
- 5. Watch the Weather**
 - During heat waves, increase watering frequency.
 - In colder climates, consider adding extra mulch in late fall to insulate roots.

Bonus Tip: Be Patient!
Trees take time to settle in. With proper care during the first year, your tree will reward you with years of healthy growth.

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1. Choose the Right Spot

Pick a place with enough sunlight, space for roots and branches to grow, and good drainage.

2. Dig the Right Hole

Dig a hole 1.5-2 times wider than the root ball but no deeper than the root ball's height.

3. Position the Tree

Place the tree in the center of the hole. Make sure the top of the root ball is level with the ground. **Never** pick up the tree by the truck, always pick up by the root ball.

4. Back-fill & Water

Fill the hole with the original soil, gently patting it down as you go. Water thoroughly after planting to help settle the soil and eliminate air pockets.

5. Mulch & Monitor

Add mulch around the base (but not touching the trunk). Water regularly for the first year, especially in dry periods.

