



TREE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

November through March

Plant trees

Mulch

Water every week for first two weeks if there is less than 1 inch of rain.

Roots will continue to grow until the ground freezes

April through September

Mulch

Water every week if less than 1 inch of rain.

Do not use weed whip at base of tree.

Inspect for insects and disease.

Inspect trees for signs of animal damage, use shelters if needed.

Control weeds.

October

Fertilize if needed after the first year.

Inspect for signs of animal damage, use shelters if needed.

Mulch.

Remove tree staking from trees planted last year.

Watering—This is only a guideline. Weather and climate's vary and so should watering practices.

Watering is important for a tree's survival during the first years of establishment. A deep water twice a week for the first month (except winter) and once a week during the first year of growing. Avoid frequent shallow watering, as the roots will travel to the surface to receive the water and won't establish themselves deeper. One commonly used formula suggests 10 gallons of water per week for every 1 inch of tree caliper. During the second and third year water once every four to six weeks depending on rainfall. Mulch around the base helps keep moisture in the soil and lawn mowers and weed whips from damaging the bark.



If using a "TREEGATOR" bag please follow instruction on bag or

Fill bag with water to desired level and let drain. Bag should be empty in approximately 5 to 9 hours. This should be done 1-2 times per week depending on weather.

Bags should not be left empty on tree and should be removed over winter.



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