



YOUNG TREE CARE

Now that your tree has been planted, what comes next?



Water, Weed,
Mulch, Prune
& Protect

Please see reverse side for
instructions.

Water: Careful watering is essential to your tree's survival, especially during the first two years after planting. Water your tree 20 gallons once a week from March until the ground freezes, and as often as twice a week in hot weather. Water slowly using a hose, a gator bag, or a bucket with holes in the bottom.

Weed: Remove weeds, grass, and trash from your tree pit. They can prevent water from reaching your tree's roots.

Mulch: Mulch helps conserve water, control weeds, and nourish your tree. Maintain a 3" layer of mulch around your tree, making sure to keep it 3" away from the trunk.

Prune: You should only remove dead, broken, and diseased branches from your tree. Please attend a TreeKeepers session in the summer for more information on proper pruning techniques.

Protect: Do not let people carve into your tree, break branches, etc. Please do NOT fertilize your tree during the first two years.