

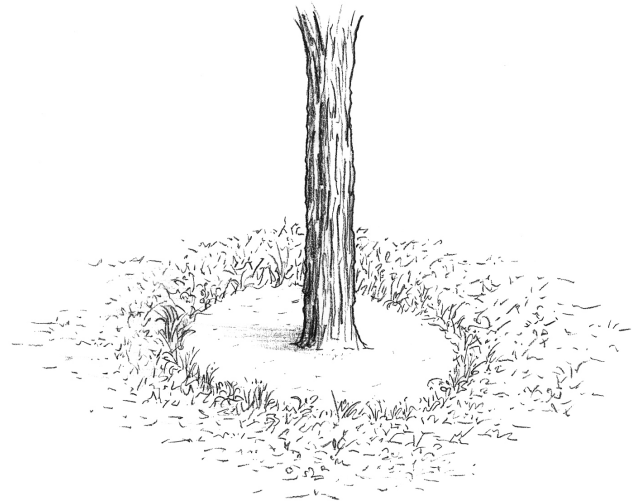


Tree Aftercare

A newly planted tree is dependent on you and good aftercare for the first 3 years after planting.

During its life on the nursery, trees will have been watered, fed and weeded on a regular basis. It is a good idea to continue these practices until the tree is self-sustaining. Trees can fail if the correct aftercare is not followed.

- All newly planted trees will require watering during the growing season for the first 3 years
- Water on a regular basis
- How often you will need to water will depend on a number of factors: soil type, drainage, exposure of site and tree species. These points should have been covered at the point of selecting the tree - Right Plant, Right Place
- Keep an area of at least 1m weed free for the first 3 years if possible
- Mulch each autumn to conserve moisture around the roots and suppress weed growth. Mulch around the entire area of the tree canopy
- Mulch to a depth of 7cm. Ensure mulch is kept away from the main stem
- Mulch eventually rots down and will also enrich the earth surrounding the root system
- Check on tree ties and stakes at the start and end of each growing season. Adjust ties and loosen if necessary
- Check stakes on a regular basis, especially on windy sites
- Stakes and ties can be removed after 2 to 3 years once the tree has established a strong root system
- Remove tree spirals once your tree has outgrown the spiral. Continue to protect if in areas of high rabbit or deer population
- Water your tree during spells of dry weather or wind
- Prune out the three D's on a regular basis: Dead, Diseased, Dying



Typical signs of stress

Underwatering

- Curled or wilted leaves
- Brown edges to leaves
- Sparse growth
- Yellow leaves and leaf drop

Overwatering

- Waterlogged soil
- Yellow leaves
- Small leaves
- Dead ends to the branches

Wind Stress

- Broken branches
- Brown edges to leaves
- Leaning away from general wind direction

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