

# Trees Care Instructions

## Fill-in & Mulch

The void or gap between the new tree root ball and the existing yard soil should be completely filled-in with topsoil/potting soil mixture. The idea is to fill all air gaps which could dry out your tree's roots. Apply more topsoil as necessary over time as settling will occur. Do not flood this area with water, as root rotting might occur (especially in clay soils) or air pockets will remain after the water soaks into the surrounding soil. Mulch will help the tree retain moisture during the summer and to insulate the roots during the winter. Apply 1 to 3 inches of mulch over the root ball area and avoid mulching within 6 inches of tree trunk.



## Watering

Proper watering is the key to your tree's survival. Over watering is just as lethal to newly transplanted trees as no water at all. Over watering is compounded by poor - draining clay soils. We recommend approximately 10 to 40 gallons per week during dry hot weather. We recommend watering via a slow drip system that delivers water evenly across the root ball. If the soil is already moist do not continue to apply water.



Freshly Planted Autumn Blaze Maple

## Fertilization

We recommend a monthly application of root growth stimulant like Ferti-lome or Jump Start for the first 3 months. For best results apply a granular slow release fertilizer to the root ball and surrounding soil area.

## Maples, Locust, Linden, Crabapple, & Plum

These trees require additional winter protection from damage due to sun scalding. Sun Scald occurs on warm winter days when the sun facing (SW) side of the tree warms causing tree tissues to emerge from dormancy and then rapidly freeze overnight. This rapid freezing kills tree cells in the affected area. In the spring, the area will appear sunken, discolored, and eventually peel away to reveal the damaged area. Although not a fatal injury, it does provide an entry point for insects and increases the chance of wind damage. We recommend wrapping the tree with insulating tree wrap from the ground level to the first set of branches. Wrap them in late fall and remove the wrap in the spring.



## Staking

If your trees are located in a high wind area we recommend staking your trees until the roots have re-established in the surrounding soil and can support the tree under high winds.

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