

Tree Planting & Care Tips

Steps to Properly Plant a Tree

Step 1: Determine where the root collar is located within the root ball by carefully removing soil to expose the root collar.

Step 2: Dig a hole 2 to 3 times wider than the root ball, but no deeper. The root collar should be 1"-2" above finished grade.

Step 3: Remove all tags, ribbons and trunk guards. Gently guide the tree into the planting hole.

Step 4: Remove twine, clip and fold down wire basket and trim burlap. Remove at least the top third or more of the basket and twine. If planting a containerized tree, remove the entire pot.

Step 5: Back fill planting space with soil. Water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets. Do no tamp!



Recommended Tree Species List

The Urban Forestry Board recommends the following species of trees for planting in your yard:

- American Linden (*Tilia americana*)
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
- Kentucky Coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioicus*)
- River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
- Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)
- American Larch (*Larix laricina*)
- Pin Cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)
- Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)
- Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*)
- Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
- Merrill Magnolia (*Magnolia loebneri*)
- Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)

A more extensive list of recommended trees can be found online at www.menomonie-wi.gov/trees.

Caring for Your Trees

Watering:

- Water as needed throughout the growing season, approximately one inch per week.

Mulching:

- Apply 2"-4" of woody mulch over the root zone.
- Pull the mulch 3"-6" away from the trunk. Mulch should not touch the tree trunk.

Staking:

- Most trees do not need to be staked.
- If necessary, loop wide webbing straps around the trunk of the tree and secure ends to stakes. Straps should be loose enough so the tree is allowed to move in the wind.

- Remove materials after one year.

Pruning:

- Less is better.
- Remove only dead, broken, diseased or rubbing branches.

Menomonie Forestry Program

The Community Services Department manages the City Forestry program. They perform the following duties to manage the City's urban forest in parks and public right-of-way:

- Tree Planting
- Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Pruning
- Gravel Tree Bed Nursery
- Maintain Tree Inventory

Learn more about the City's forestry program at www.menomonie-wi.gov/forestry.



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