



CARING FOR YOUR NEW PARKWAY TREE

Watering:

- Water your new tree slowly and deeply about twice a week by placing a watering hose at the base of the tree and letting it trickle for about one hour.
- Reduce watering during wet periods.
- In general, water from late April to October, but this can vary depending on weather conditions.
- If you had a tree planted in fall, please water it 1-2 times before winter.
- If your tree is out of reach from your garden hose, consider purchasing a tree watering bag from a local garden center. Simply fill the bag twice per week.
- Need a reminder to water? Consider planting flowers around the new tree.

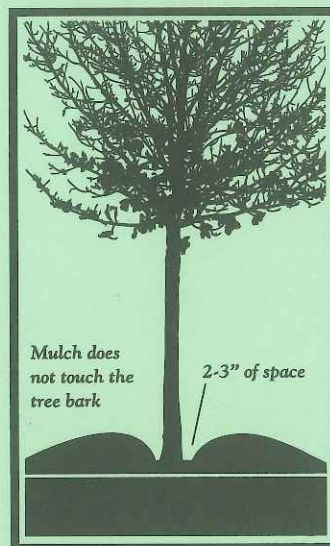
Mulch:

- Mulch keeps the soil moist, reduces weed growth around the tree, and prevents lawn mower damage.
- Mulch has been applied to your new parkway tree. We recommend applying 2" of mulch each year. Mulch should be applied in the shape of a donut, so no mulch directly touches the trunk.
- **Never pile mulch against the trunk like a hill or 'volcano'.** This causes girdling roots that will eventually kill it. If you hire a landscaper, please instruct them on how to properly mulch your parkway tree.

Do not attempt pruning or staking on any parkway trees. Contact the Forestry Division at 847-933-8427 with any questions on caring for your new tree.

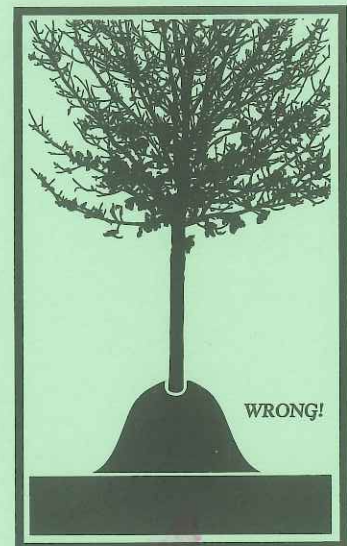
Thank you for watering your new parkway tree!

This is the *right way* to mulch a tree.



Use wood chips for mulch. The chips may be up to 4" deep. Pile them in a donut shape around the tree, making sure that they do NOT touch the bark. There should be a space of 2-3" at the base of the tree.

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Volcano mulching may severely damage your tree. Mulch or soil must never be piled against the tree trunk. Why? Because it will rot the bark and/or allow insects to attack the tree.

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