

Make the Commitment to be a Steward for Your Tree

Using the calendar, plan on each month spending time to care and check on your tree(s). Trees in the first year and up to three years need to be tended to just as you tend to your flowers or other garden plants. Please follow the calendar and the steps to help your tree become bigger and stronger so you can continue to visit it for years to come. Remember the life span of a tree, depending on variety, can be 20-100 or more years.









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Inspect trees for disease, insects or vandalism [†]
Pick up free mulch from local county landfill

February

Inspect trees for disease, insects or vandalism
Call 311 for dead street tree or park tree removal

March

Ш	Remove winter mulch soaked with salt or dog waste
	Apply three to four inches of mulch around base of the tree to
	form a ring
	Celebrate National Wildlife Week

April

	\square If planted near the street or sidewalk, wash salt off trees while the
_	ground is still frozen
	Celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day

May

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_	I water weekly if the soil around the frees is dry (water each tree with I
	to 20 gallons of water)
	Using a hand trowel, loosen the top two to three inches of soil
	around tree roots

Plant small flowers or bulbs around the base of your trees

June

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	Inspect depth of mulch. Mulch should be three to four inches thick
	Water weekly
	Inspect trees for disease, insects or vandalism
	Pull weeds

TREE CARE CALENDAR CONTINUED

<u>July</u>	
ᆜ	Water weekly
	Pull weeds
Ш	Inspect for insects and diseases
Augu	st
	Water weekly
	Pull weeds
	Inspect for insects and diseases
Septe	ember
	Water weekly
	Remove stakes and ties from trees that have been in the ground for more than two years
Octo	ber
	Water young evergreen trees before the ground freezes
	Plant bulbs around the base of your trees
	Refresh mulch ring around the base of your trees
	Take a "Little" to an urban forest
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	Place Christmas tree branches around trees to absorb salt and















