

Trees in Your Neighborhood

- Increase property values by 5% to 20%
- Reduce air pollution
- Lower air conditioning costs by 10% to 15%
- Lower heating costs by providing a wind break
- Reduce air-borne pollutants
- Increase oxygen in the air
- Reduce storm water runoff and the possibility of flooding
- Buffer noises
- Provide habitat for wildlife

Trees are good for neighborhoods! We like trees because they make life more pleasant. They add nature to our man-made environment. They balance the straight lines of architecture with softness and color. They make our homes more sheltered and peaceful. Beyond being attractive, neighborhood trees have many practical benefits like those listed above. Research shows that shading of our streets even prolongs the life of the pavement!

While trees provide an abundance of benefits, they also require some investment. To function well, trees require some care and maintenance. Begin with the tips in this brochure for proper planting, providing adequate water, and protection from lawn care equipment.

More information about enhancing your neighborhood with trees is available at:
<http://www.communitycanopy.org>



Community Canopy is a partnership program between the cities of Post Falls, Hayden, Coeur d'Alene & Spokane County Conservation District in cooperation with University of Idaho Extension and the Washington State University Extension.



- Please seek assistance from a professional arborist about how to properly care for your trees.
- Please check your city ordinances before planting, maintaining or removing trees.
- Call your Utility Locator Service 2 working days before you dig.
1-800-428-4950 (Kootenai County)
1-800-424-5555 (Spokane County)



For further information, please contact:

Coeur d'Alene Urban Forestry 208-769-2266
karenh@cdaid.org

Post Falls Urban Forestry 208-292-2315
aspell@postfallsidaho.org

Hayden Community Forestry 208-772-4411
cboza@cityofhaydenid.us

Spokane County Conservation District
Urban Forestry 509-535-7274
garth-davis@sccd.org
www.sccd.org/forestry/urbanforestry

Trees are Great for Neighborhoods

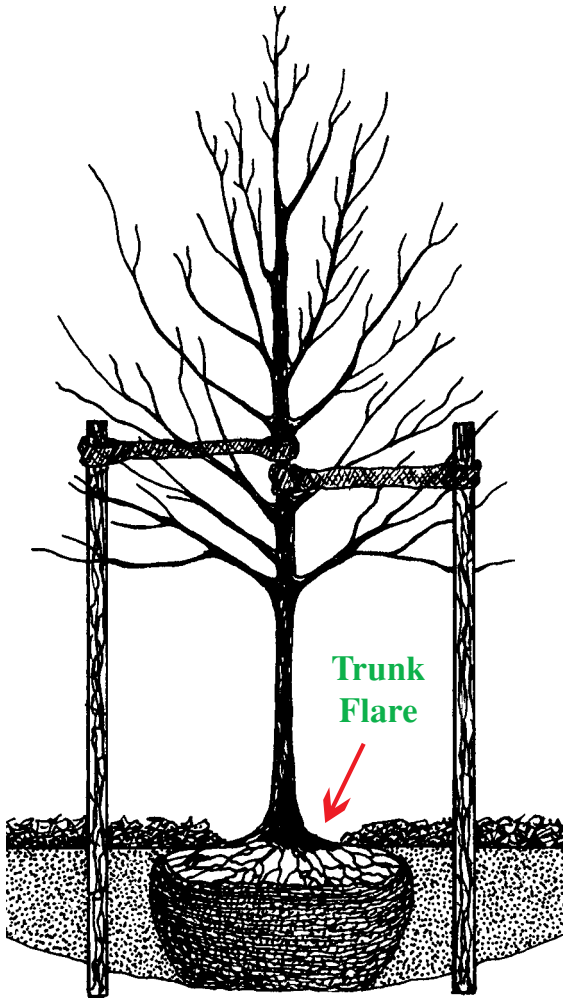


Learn how trees, properly cared for, can benefit and enhance your neighborhood.



Plant Right!

Proper Planting = Success

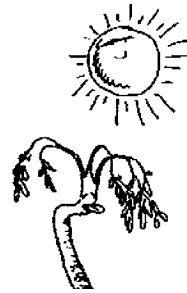


Courtesy New Tree Planting Brochure, International Society of Arboriculture, 1998.

- Dig a hole wide, but not deep.
- Plant with trunk flare at or above ground level.
- Mulch wide, not deep; keep away from trunk.
- If staked, remove after one year.



Water, Water, Water



Trees need **EXTRA** water in the summer!



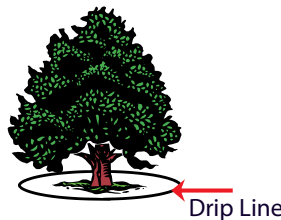
Turf watering alone is not adequate to meet the tree's water needs. Provide a minimum of 5 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter each week to the root area of new trees.



Trees may need adjustments in the amount or frequency of watering depending on the weather and soil type. Watch the tree's "body language:" drooping leaves mean more water is needed.

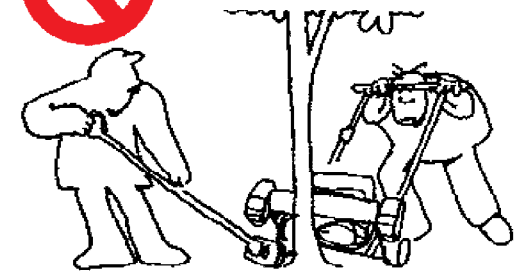
Watering Techniques

- Install a drip irrigation system.
- Use a soaker hose around the drip line and run for several hours until soil is moist several inches deep.
- Place 5-gallon buckets with several small ($\frac{1}{10}$ th inch) holes in them at the base of the tree over the roots.

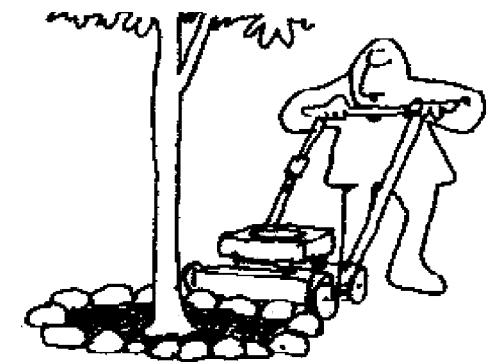


Protect Your Investment

Keep power equipment away from trees!



Lawn mowers and string trimmers cut through live bark destroying a tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. This may eventually kill the tree.



A mulch ring keeps grass, weeds and equipment away from the tree, simplifying maintenance and preventing damage. It also helps retain soil moisture and insulate the soil.

Courtesy Tree City USA Bulletin No. 14 - National Arbor Day Foundation

