Caring for Your New Tree

Mulch is valuable to your tree's health and care. It insulates the soil from temperature extremes, retains moisture, prohibits weed growth, prevents soil compaction and reduces lawn mower damage. Pour natural mulch such as wood chips or leaves two to four inches deep within a circle around the base of the tree.

Tree watering is a key part of tree care. A few rules of thumb will help you water your new tree properly:

1. Water your tree on a regular basis. The city will water your new tree immediately after it is planted.
2. You must water your tree at least once a week during the first growing season. During periods of high heat and temperature, water will evaporate faster and your tree can quickly become dehydrated. The best times to water are early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Watering too late in the afternoon can damage the tree. The goal is to water the root system and control weeds.
3. Once established, your tree will only need to be watered during drought periods. Keep the soil moist but never waterlogged. Watering too much or too little can be just as harmful for your tree.

How to Identify Post & Disease Problems

To properly diagnose a pest or disease problem contact the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) office in your area. They can assist you with most inquiries about tree care and local conditions. The MDC office can be reached at (573) 368-2225.

Tree care tips courtesy National Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org)

Emerald Ash Borer Kills Ash Trees

Call 866-716-9974 if you see one!

The non-native emerald ash borer (EAB) has been responsible for the destruction of millions of ash trees since the 1990s and has taken up residence in Missouri. If left unchecked, this harmful looking beetle will destroy Missouri’s ash trees. There are three easy steps you can take to deter the spread of the EAB:

1. Do not move firewood: If you burn firewood, cut your own or purchase locally (cut within 50 miles). Do NOT move wood from place to place.
2. Do not plant ash trees, the EAB’s sole source of food. No food...no EAB.
3. Learn to identify an EAB before you call. For more information on how to identify the EAB and to find out where the EAB has been found, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation website at www.mdc.mo.gov.

REFOREST ROLLA

Renewing the environment...
One tree at a time.
Street Tree Application and Steward Agreement

City of Rolla Responsibility

The City of Rolla agrees to provide and install the following trees within city right-of-way free of charge. A representative from the city shall meet with the property owner to discuss available tree options based on existing conditions and utilities. Once a tree(s) has been selected, the city will ensure all underground utilities have been located; will deliver, plant and stake the tree; and provide the initial mulch. There is no limit on the number of trees a property owner may request. However, requests will be filled one tree per year.

Property Owner Responsibility

I agree to be a tree steward in the Reforest Rolla tree planting program for the approved tree(s). Tree stewardship entails watering, weeding, mulching, pruning, removing stakes after 1 year, keeping the tree well free of debris and monitoring the health of the new tree(s). I commit my services to this tree(s) for a period of two years from the planting date. I understand that failure to provide these services could result in the death of the tree(s). Should this occur, the city will NOT provide a replacement(s). If the tree has been properly cared for, the city will replace the tree free of charge. Maintenance responsibility can be voluntarily assumed by renters or added to a lease; ONLY THE PROPERTY OWNER may sign the Tree Application Agreement.

I acknowledge that the tree(s) provide(s) scenic and ecosystem values to the public; however, this public benefit does not give general access to the property listed below by the public at large. Furthermore, I, the owner of aforementioned property, do hereby indemnify and hold harmless the City of Rolla from any damages occurring on my property or personal injury as a result of Reforest Rolla activities.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Address of proposed tree(s): ___________________________
Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________
Inspected by: ___________________________
Tree(s) requested and number: ___________________________

Complete this section for off street planting requests only.

As the owner of the property located at __________________________, I give permission for the City of Rolla to enter my property for the purpose of planting a tree(s). The tree must be planted in a location visible from the street. I understand that once planted, the tree(s) is my private property with all the rights and responsibilities that entail. Should the tree(s) die, the city will NOT provide a replacement(s). I hereby declare that I will take full responsibility for any damages that might occur to underground utilities, over-head utilities, or personal property. Furthermore, I, the owner of aforementioned property, do hereby indemnify and hold harmless the City of Rolla from any damages occurring on my property or personal injury as a result of Reforest Rolla activities.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

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