

Community Woods

GROW HEALTHY TREES

New trees require some basic maintenance to thrive into maturity. Read more on what you can do to ensure healthy growth.

WATER DURING THE HOT MONTHS

TreesCharlotte will hire a contractor to water the trees between April and October, the first year they were planted. If you notice we are experiencing a dry spell, you can water your new tree with ~5 gallons each week (unless nature does the job for you!).

How do you know if your tree is thirsty? You can stick your finger in the ground next to it. If the soil feels moist, the tree is hydrated. If not, it's time for a drink!

MAKE MULCH YOUR BEST FRIEND

Mulching is one of the most important piece of tree care. Use any organic plant material and don't forget to create a doughnut of mulch (not a volcano) to avoid mulching touching the tree's stem! (See picture on right.)



REMOVE THE STAKE & TAGS

Your new tree likely had a stake to keep it steady while young. You can keep it on for 6-12 months after planting, but remove it afterward! The plastic ties can girdle the tree's vascular system. Remove the species tags. Remove the tree guard after three years or when the tree has outgrown it.

PRUNING

TreesCharlotte will provide structural pruning of the newly planted trees in years 2, 4, and 6 to help mitigate expense issues as the tree matures.

Visit

<https://treescharlotte.org/tree-education-resources/long-term-care/> or scan the QR code for more tree care info!

