

Make the Commitment to Care for Your Trees!

Plan on spending time each month of the first few years caring for your trees and shrubs. They will require attention in the same way you would cultivate your home garden. Below are suggested monthly maintenance items to ensure your recently planted trees and shrubs will flourish, making a difference for water quality, wildlife habitat and climate resiliency.

JANUARY

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MARCH

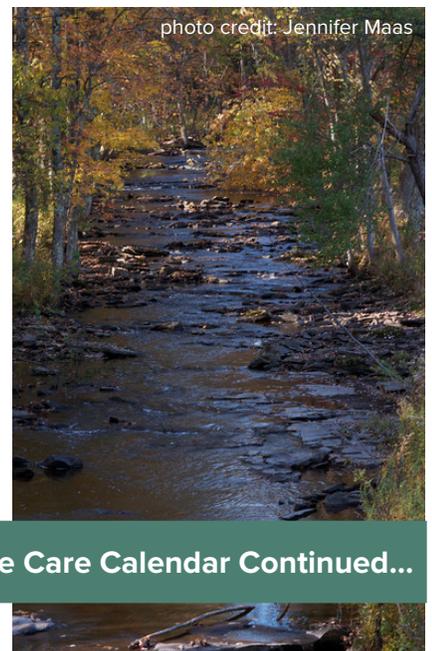
- Remove any tree tubes from trees with a trunk diameter of 1½ inches or more (see the Maintenance Guide for directions on measuring tree diameter).
- Clean and straighten tree tubes.
- Check weed mats and clear off and straighten them as needed.
- If trees are planted near a sidewalk or street, wash any salt off them while the ground is still frozen.

APRIL

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- Celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day!



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MAY

- Water trees weekly if the soil around them is dry.
- Clean and straighten tree tubes.
- Check weed mats and clear off and straighten them as needed.

JUNE

- Water trees weekly.
- Inspect trees for disease, insect damage and vandalism.
- Pull weeds.



Tree Care Calendar Continued...



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JULY

- Water trees weekly.
- Inspect trees for disease, insect damage and vandalism.
- Pull weeds.

AUGUST

- Water trees weekly.
- Inspect trees for disease, insect damage and vandalism.
- Pull weeds.

SEPTEMBER

- Water trees weekly.
- Remove tree tubes if tree trunks measure more than 1½ inches in diameter (see the Maintenance Guide for directions on measuring tree diameter).



OCTOBER

- Water evergreen trees before the ground freezes.
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- Check trees for deer browse and rubbing.

NOVEMBER

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- Check trees for deer browse and rubbing.

DECEMBER

- Place discarded branches from your holiday tree around young trees to absorb salt and dog waste.

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