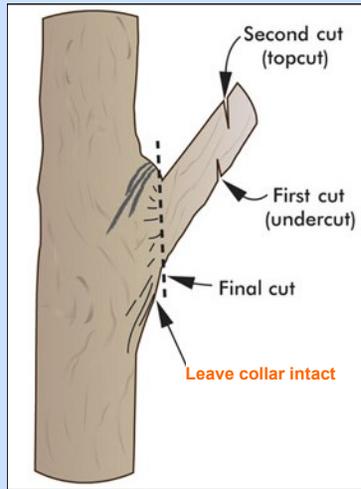


# PRUNING



- **Prune ONLY dead and broken branches in the first 3 years.** Aesthetic pruning during this time is not recommended. See above diagram for proper technique, or contact a certified arborist.

## MORE TREE CARE RESOURCES



Trees are Good, "Tree Owner Information"  
<http://treesaregood.org/treeowner/treeownerinformation.aspx>



Arbor Day Foundation, "Tree City USA Bulletins"  
<https://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/bulletins/summaries.cfm>

# ENJOY YOUR NEW TREES!

## Planting Notes:

Date(s) Planted:

Your Tree(s):

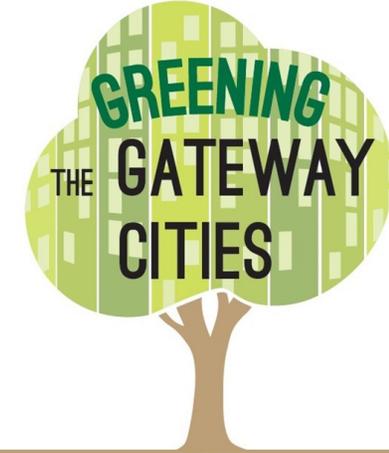
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# CARING FOR NEW TREES

## WATERING



- **Water each tree once per week with 25 gallons of water.**  
Water more often if the weather is hot and dry. Lawn sprinklers generally are not adequate because they only target the top few inches of soil. Tree roots grow deeper than that.
- **Water slowly.** A long, slow watering penetrates deep into the soil and encourages tree roots to establish at the proper depth.
- **Water weekly for 2 years.**  
Begin watering in the spring after the ground thaws. Continue watering weekly until the ground freezes in the winter.

## MULCHING



- **Apply mulch 3 inches deep, in a 3 foot ring, 3 inches away from the base of the tree.** Create a saucer to help retain water and mulch, to build organic matter, and to keep down weeds.
- **Do not plant inside mulched area.** Reserve this space for tree roots only. Keeping the area free of grass, flowers and weeds limits competition.



**BAD—Mulch volcanoes lead to trunk rot and poor root structure.**

**GOOD—Proper mulching protects the soil and tree roots.**

## PROTECTING



- **Keep mowers and trimmers away from trees.** They can injure trees and allow harmful diseases and insects to attack. Trunk damage also restricts water and nutrient distribution.
- **Do not tie ropes, chains, leashes, wires, or other materials around trees.**  
They can deform, injure, and kill trees.



To learn more, visit [www.springfield-ma.gov](http://www.springfield-ma.gov) and search for “ggcp” or call 311.