



**Arbor Division**  
Urbana Public Works

## How to care for your new tree

### **Congratulations and thank you for partnering with the City of Urbana to help replant Urbana!**

The Public Works Arbor Division has watered the tree shortly after planting to settle the soil around the roots. Now we're relying on you to give your newly planted parkway tree the best chance of not only surviving, but also thriving, in its critical first three years.

#### **Watering**

The City of Urbana has installed a tree-watering bag on your new tree. We recommend that you fill the watering bag once a week (twice weekly in July and August) when there is less than a ½ inch of rain. Please remove the bag in mid-October and store it inside until the following spring to protect the bag from damage.

#### **Mulching**

You should add new mulch every spring to maintain a 2-inch depth. Mulch should be kept 3-4 inches away from the tree trunk.

#### **Flowers/Edging**

Please don't plant flowers in the tree's mulch area or install landscape edging around the base of the tree. Please don't attempt to establish new turf and newly planted trees at the same time.

#### **Fertilizer and Weed Control**

Do not fertilize newly-planted trees or apply weed control products near the tree. Do not use weed barriers in the mulched area of a new tree.

#### **Protection from Mowers & String Trimmers**

It is extremely important that the trunk of the new tree never be bumped, scraped, or scarred. Keep mowers and string trimmers away from the tree.

Thanks again for helping keep Urbana a proud Tree City USA community! If you have questions or concerns about your tree, please contact City Arborist Mike Brunk at: [replanturbana@urbanaininois.us](mailto:replanturbana@urbanaininois.us).



### **Thank you!**

Bring this coupon to the ticket booth at the Landscape Recycling Center for a free ½ cubic yard of premium shredded hardwood mulch.

Get hours and directions at: [www.landscaperecyclingcenter.org](http://www.landscaperecyclingcenter.org)