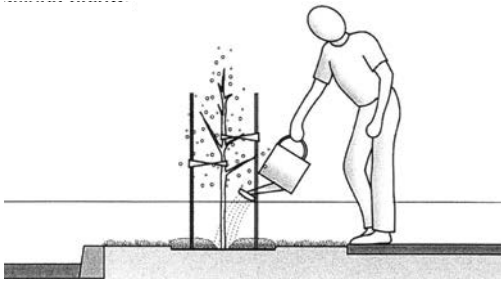


YOU HAVE A NEW STREET TREE!

Council has just planted a new street tree outside your property. Street trees are one of our most important natural assets and we are committed to maintaining and increasing our urban canopy with new trees. **Please help take care of this tree to ensure it survives.**

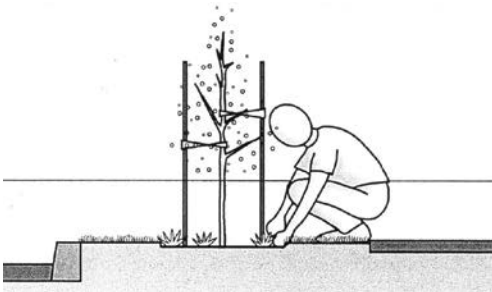
1. WATER AND NUTURE

- The tree will be using a lot of energy to grow roots over the next 6-12 months.
- Watering the tree two-three times a week during this establishment period will help its chance of survival.



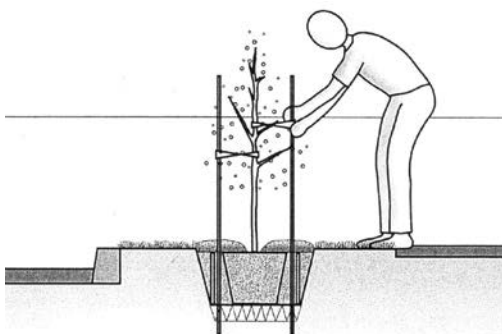
2. WEED AND MULCH

- Remove weeds and grass at the base trees as they compete for water.
- Mulch is a tree's best friend. Mulch retains water, keeps weeds out, prevents soil compaction and reduces lawn mower damage. Reapply mulch to 75mm thickness when required. (Free mulch is available from the Community Nursery at the Addison Road Community Centre)



3. STAKES AND TIES

- The timber stakes around the tree are there not to support it but to protect from vandalism and damage.
- Stakes left around trees too long can cause damage to the trunk. If stakes are causing damage or falling over let us know and we will come and collect them.



Tree Vandalism

Unfortunately some newly planted trees get vandalised. Tree vandalism is a serious offence which carries a minimum penalty of \$3,000. If you witness or have information regarding a tree being vandalised please contact Council immediately 24 hours per day, seven days per week by calling 9392 5000.

Did you know?

Trees have significant environmental and social benefits. They reduce the urban heat island effect, provide cooling and shading to pedestrians and buildings, intercept rainwater and stormwater through their leaves and roots, produce oxygen and uptake of carbon dioxide, store carbon, provide habitat for native fauna, birds and insects and enhance human health and well-being. For more information go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/trees