

Tree care and maintenance guidance



Water and wind

Once your tree(s) are planted, they should not need regular watering. During prolonged dry periods and droughts however, feel free to give your tree a water no more than once a week to give it a helping hand.

When planting a large tree or in areas that suffer from high winds, a stake and tree ties can be used to stabilise the tree.

Weeding

Weeding around your trees is important and will help it get off to a good start. Keeping your tree weed free for the first 1–3 years, will maximise its early growth and prevent losses. Remove any vegetation, including grass from approximately 0.5 metres around the tree. Once the area is weed free applying a mulch can help suppress weeds growing in the future and help retain moisture for the tree.

Pests

Deers, squirrels, rabbits, rodents, and livestock all can damage young trees. Using tree tubes can help prevent this. Place a stake at the back of the tree and drive it into the ground prior to planting. Next plant your tree next to the stake. Place the tube over the tree and attach it using cable ties to the stake.

If using tree tubes, you should check the stakes on an annual basis and replace as necessary.

