

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR NEW TREE

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HOW TO PLANT A TREE

The tree planting season is generally from November to March. We plant trees in winter because this is when the roots are dormant and able to cope with being moved. The trees grown in nursery cells have a head start so will be ready to be planted outside of this usual season.

To see how to plant a tree, below is a guide to pit-planting:

1. Dig a hole slightly wider and deeper than the roots of your tree. Loosen the soil around the edges.
2. Put the tree in the hole and check the depth. Look for the "collar" - the mark on the tree from where it originally started to grow above ground. This should be level with the top of the soil. If a tree is planted too deep the stem may rot; too shallow and the roots above ground will die.
3. Hold the tree upright and gently push back the soil, pressing it down onto the roots.
4. Put the turf back over the hole, grass side down.
5. To support your tree you can use a cane or stake to provide extra support.

CARING FOR YOUR TREES

Your trees will need care and attention during the first few years to help them achieve their full potential.

Weeding - Weeding each spring in the first couple of years after planting will reduce competition for moisture and nutrients, helping your trees establish more successfully. Mulch, such as bark chips, or straw, can be placed around each tree to suppress weeds.

Watering - Your trees should adapt to the conditions they are planted in. If you have planted your tree in the ground, watering shouldn't be necessary unless there is a unseasonably dry period of weather. If you have planted your tree in a pot, the tree will need watering more regularly as the roots only have access to the limited water supply in its pot.

If you have any questions or would like more information on maintaining your trees please contact the City of Trees team. We'd also love to hear how your trees are getting on. Your experiences can help us to inspire more people to plant. Please send us your pictures and stories.

For further information on urban trees and gardens please see City of Trees 'How To' guide: heritagetrees.org.uk/#resources

