

## ***Green Thumb Nursery***

Caring for Trees

***Fertilize spring, summer, and fall with Fertilome Tree & Shrub Food.***

Trees can add the necessary height, color, and texture that will make your garden really stand out. They soften the look of the landscaping, provide shade, and can bring out the beauty of your home colors.



After planting water the tree immediately and then twice daily for the first month. In the second month, water once a day and in the third month water every other day. Slowly taper off to twice weekly. During the first couple of growing seasons your newly planted tree will expend a lot of energy establishing its root system. Be sure to cover the soil around the tree with mulch. This will help retain moisture in the soil.

Light pruning of young trees so they have good branch structure can influence their health and longevity. Branch spacing and arrangement and structural strength can be controlled by selectively removing or shortening branches of the young tree. Encourage only one central trunk to develop by reducing the length of competing upright trunks or branches. Frequent light prunings every year or two will encourage faster growth and prevent undesirable sprouting.

There are two classes of bugs and insects that may attack your tree. The first is sap sucking insects that can be killed with either Malathion Oil or Systemic Insecticide w/Acephate. The second class is chewing insects that eat the plant tissue. These pests are best controlled with a biological insecticide like Thuricide or Spinosad that the pest takes into their stomach. Fungal infections can cause the tree leaves to turn yellow or have yellow spots. We sell different types of fungicides to control these infections either topically or through the plant root system. We can assist you in diagnosing any problems with your plant if you bring in a sample branch.



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