



Tree Care Guidelines

Congratulations on your new street tree! Your new tree needs your help to survive while it establishes and expands its roots and adapt to its new conditions.

Just following these two guidelines will help your tree live a long and healthy life and will also enhance the beauty of your neighborhood:

1. **Water immediately and continue to water during dry periods.** Trees need at least **one inch** of water per week for at least the entire first growing season (one full year).
 - a. If it doesn't rain for a week WATER DEEPLY using a sprinkler or a drip irrigation hose.
 - b. Place a small container on the ground near the tree and check the depth of water in it after a rain or after you water.
2. **Mulch correctly. Mulch helps the soil retain water, moderates soil temperature, and keeps down weeds.** It also helps you avoid nicking the tree when mowing.
 - a. **Types of Mulch to use:** shredded hemlock or cedar bark, shredded leaves, or other organic materials. DO NOT USE STONES OR GRAVEL.
 - b. **Apply mulch in a thin layer – no more than two inches thick in a circle that extends out beyond the root ball.** A tree's most important roots that take in water and oxygen are close to the soil surface. A thick layer can literally smother a tree.
 - c. **DO NOT CREATE A MULCH VOLCANO.** Mulch that touches the trunk can cause fungus infections.

Thank you again for caring for your new tree!

Questions? Please contact STAC (Shade Tree Advisory Committee) at grstac@gmail.com

Glen Rock has been recognized as a Tree City, USA and maintains an active tree planting program – up to 100 new street trees each year. Glen Rock works hard to ensure that the borough has beautiful shade trees which benefit the town by providing shade, beauty, moderation of temperature, erosion control and a home to birds and other living beings.