

After Planting Tree Care Tips:

- Watering a newly planted tree is critical to its survival, especially in the first growing season. Providing regular water when the soil below the mulch feels dry. Remember that tree roots will grow as wide as the tree branches. Water the mulched area and allow the water to slowly soak into the ground around the tree. In the summer, you may need to water as often as twice a week, depending on rainfall.
- The mulch first placed around the tree will eventually decompose. If possible, provide additional mulch around the base of the tree (2-3 inches deep). Mulch regulates the moisture and temperature of the ground while the roots are getting established.
- Try to keep grass and weeds out of the mulched area around the base of the tree because they compete for the same water and nutrients that the tree needs.
- Do not fertilize the tree – most fertilizers are not made to benefit trees and the tree should not need it.
- Stakes should be removed after one year.

Other Resources:

For questions of further information about your tree, an excellent resource is the Maryland Cooperative Extension's **Home and Garden Information Center**. You can call them with any concerns you may have: **1-800-342-2507**, or online at www.hgic.umd.edu.

Additionally, your tree, planted by Greening of Dundalk volunteers, does come with a warranty. If the tree becomes ill or dies within the first year, please notify the **Dundalk Renaissance Corporation: 410-282-0261**.

