

TREES PROVIDE

- ❖ Cleaner air and water.
- ❖ Shade from the hot summer sun, reducing the energy we use.
- ❖ Homes for animals and birds.
- ❖ Food for us and other animals.
- ❖ Stress relief.
- ❖ Natural beauty.
- ❖ Wood products we use every day.

LEND SMOKEY A HAND

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN
PREVENT WILDFIRES.



LEARN MORE ABOUT

- ❖ Where your seedling came from dnr.wi.gov, keyword "tree planting"
- ❖ Fire prevention SmokeyBear.com
- ❖ Arbor Day dnr.wi.gov, keyword "Arbor Day"
- ❖ Forest history dnr.wi.gov, search "Wisconsin Forest Tales"
- ❖ Tree identification <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/leaf/Pages/LEAF-Tree-Identification-Cards.aspx>



Arbor Day

Celebrate by planting a tree



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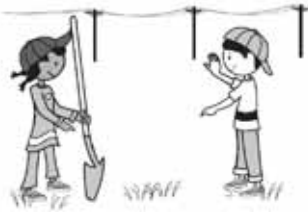


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HOW TO PLANT YOUR TREE SEEDLING

Step One



Plant your tree where it will get lots of sunshine and has room to grow!

Step Two



Dig a hole 10 inches deep by 8 inches wide. Find your tree's root collar, a spot located just above the roots where the stem changes color or becomes fatter. Plant your tree at this depth.

Step Three



Make sure your tree's roots hang freely in the planting hole and are not bent or twisted at all.

Step Four



Replace the loose soil gently around your tree's roots. Be sure to give your tree a good drink of water.

Step Five



You may want to place mulch (wood chips, grass, leaves) around the base of the tree to help hold the water in.

Remember to water your tree weekly to keep the soil moist!

HELP TREES SURVIVE



Know your trees

What kinds do you have? How should they look? Do they look healthy or sick?



Watch your trees

Do they change over time? Do you notice anything different?



Add some mulch

Mulch around the base of the tree helps hold water in the soil for the tree to use.



Trim trees in winter

Pruning helps yard trees stay healthy, but only prune when insects and diseases are not active.



Try not to injure trees

Don't cut roots with the lawn mower or nail things to your trees, especially when it is warm. If your trees are injured, paint the wounds with a tree wound sealer.



Don't move firewood

Many pests and diseases travel to new places inside of wood. If you keep wood close to where it grew, you are less likely to spread the illness to other trees.



Know the rules

Your country, state, county and city have rules that help protect trees from threats. Be sure to follow the rules where you live.

For more information please visit dnr.wi.gov, keyword "forest health."