



TREE CITY USA®



A new tree has been planted in front of your home in the area known as the 'tree lawn' through the efforts of the City of Urbana Shade Tree Commission. This tree must adjust from its special care in the nursery to the much harsher conditions of the urban landscape, and this tree needs your help as a result.

The six step care process for you, the homeowner:

-Please water the tree weekly unless 1" of rain has fallen during that week. If 1" of rain does not fall, apply 5-10 gallons of water to the tree depending on how dry the soil is.

-Do not prune or remove branches from the new tree. This pruning will be conducted by the city.

-Keep an eye on the tree. If the tree is damaged, broken, sick, or insect ridden, please contact the city at 652-4305.

-Please keep the tree mulched and weed free. The mulch should not be deeper than 3", and it should not be piled too high around the trunk of the tree. By piling the mulch too high, insect and disease problems are created, and roots develop above ground.

-Be careful with lawn mowers and weed whackers when working around the tree. Removal of the bark and girdling into the structure of the plant can kill it.

-Continue to follow these care instructions for 3-5 years, and you will have a happy and healthy tree for many years to come.