

## CARE OF A NEWLY PLANTED TREE

The tree will be planted properly by professional installers. Leave the burlap around the trunk to prevent sunscald (remove after 2 years or when it drops off). Although parkway trees are the responsibility of the Village, residents are asked to assist in maintaining a newly planted tree.

1. Trees must compete with grass and other plants for water. Water the newly planted tree about once per week, especially in dry spells. The ground should be well soaked so that it will sink into the root zone though not over-watered as to kill the tree.
2. Trees do not need fertilizing during the first year as they live off the root ball. Thereafter, if the leaves are pale or the growth is slow, you should fertilize in the spring. Fertilizers for this purpose are available at garden shops and hardware stores and their instructions should be followed.
3. Pruning the tree when needed can improve the appearance and prevent future troubles.
4. Remove sprouts near the base of the tree and crossed branches.
5. Please inspect your tree late in the following summer and notify the Village if it needs to be replaced during the fall planting season.
6. Avoid volcano mulching. Volcano mulching, illustrated below, locks in moisture, softens bark and confuses the root system into strangling the trunk of the tree. To properly mulch a tree, the trunk should be exposed to the point where it flares- allowing it to strengthen. Mulch should be placed around the tree, extended to the drip line.

