

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES!

Evergreen's Do's and Don'ts of tree placement, mulching and tree protection

DO



Plant trees in groves within a large mulched area.



You can use all sorts of things to move mulch: Recycle bins, pots and shovels, are just a few examples.



Spread tub-ground mulch to the drip line to a depth of 6" or 15 cm thick (will need an annual top-up). To prevent rotting, spread the mulch away from the base of the tree to create a "mulch donut."



Water, eau, agua! No matter how you say it, trees need it regularly.



Trees planted in turf stone with snow fencing as protection. The permeable spaces allow water to seep through to the roots.

DO



Wire mesh caging and t-bars prevent vandalism and damage to tree trunks.



Plant the tree in a raised bed.



"Show your artistic flair by weaving natural materials around the base for protection."



Plant a garden around the perimeter of the tree.



Painted twigs add colourful adornments and also say "keep out!"



Build seating around the tree (but watch where the feet will go!).

DON'T



Don't plant trees on top of hills or in compacted soil because trees will struggle to survive.



If mulch is piled high against the tree trunk, there is a chance that the moisture retained by the mulch will cause the base of the tree to rot. To prevent this make sure to make a mulch donut.



Make sure trees are not planted too close to a fence or building.
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Water and mulch for me, please!



"String trimmer damage can cut off a trees' life supply. Inform your school board maintenance department about tree and root damage caused by string trimmers."



Make sure to remove wire supports so they don't end up strangling the tree.

DON'T



This tree needs mulch and was planted crooked.



Improper planting or erosion from small trampling feet will cause the trees' roots to become exposed. This can weaken the trees' ability to grip the soil for support. Photo: Adrina Bardekjian Ambrosii



Since this stake is not properly installed, it's preventing the tree from growing.



What's the problem here? It could be vandalism or lack of water. This tree needs protection and regular watering.