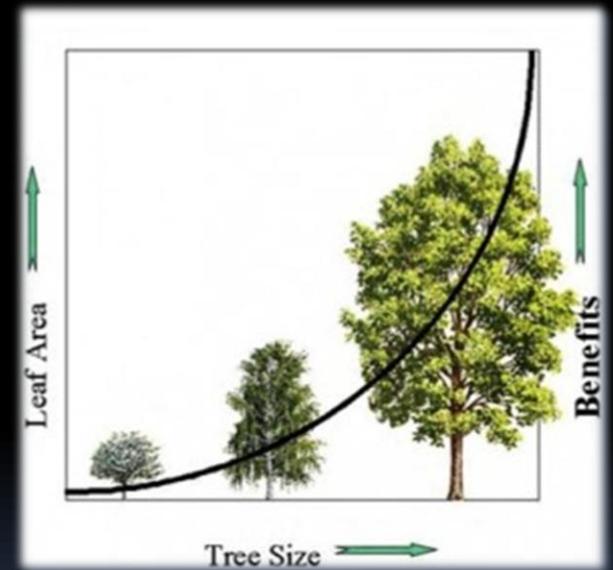
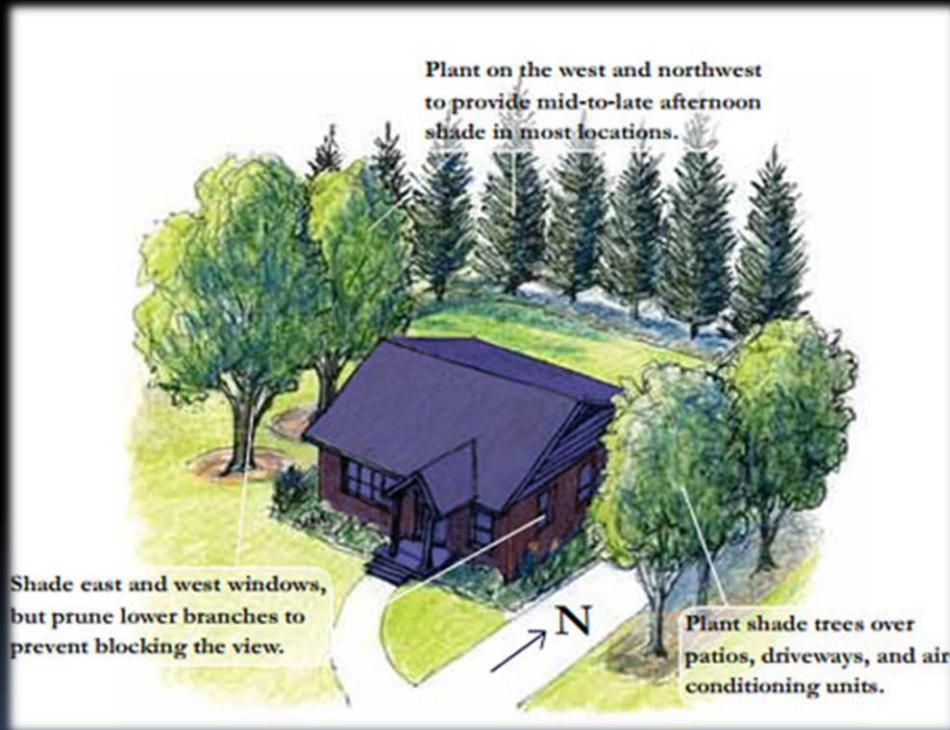


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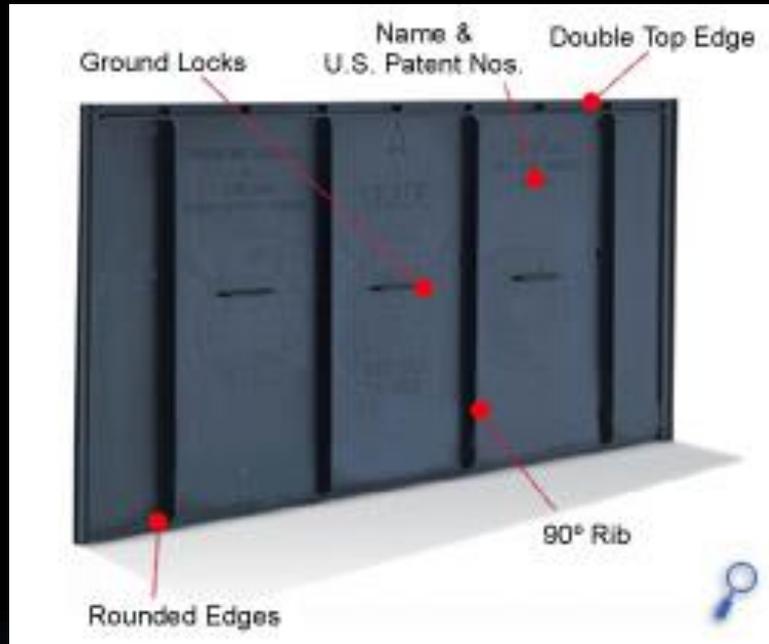
Trees Shade Your Home



Recommended Distance from Hardscape

- 10 ft. in general
- 12 ft. from pools

Root Barrier



Deep root

Plastic Barrier

Remove Grass or Sod

- ✓ Scrape all sod off soil using a shovel:

4 ft circle or square

- ✓ Discard sod



Dig a hole Shallow and Wide

- ✓ Dig the hole only as deep as the root ball.
- ✓ Remove the soil and place on tarp
- ✓ Hole should be 3 feet in diameter, either round or square



No Soil Amendments
are Necessary

Pull Tree from the Bucket

- ✓ Put tree on its side; be careful not break limbs
- ✓ Push gently on bucket & roll
- ✓ Carefully remove root ball and put on pedestal



Tease the Roots

- ✓ Cut roots thicker than 1/4 inch that circle the root ball
- ✓ “Tease out” smaller roots to enable them to spread when planted
- ✓ Loosen roots on bottom of root ball and replace on pedestal



Measure Tree Depth

- ✓ Score Sides of Hole
- ✓ Place stake across hole with widest part vertical
- ✓ Top of root ball should be level with top of stake (sandy soils),
OR should be 1 1/2 inches above soil level (clay soils)



Backfill the Hole

- ✓ Return soil to hole
- ✓ Do Not put sod back in the hole
- ✓ Do Not add amendments and
- ✓ Do Not tamp down soil with your feet – leave it loose



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are Necessary**

Remove the Nursery Stake !



Stake the Tree

- ✓ Screw the stake in 14-16 inches away from the tree
- ✓ Tie bar goes 2/3 up the tree – follow instructions on packet
- ✓ Return stake to city for re-use after tree is standing on its own

Place stake on the side the wind comes from







When do I Remove the Stake?

- ✓ Do Not let the stakes become crutches!
- ✓ Remove the stakes as soon as tree can stand on its own, usually within 2 growing seasons



Mulch the Tree

- ✓ Place mulch (coarse wood chips) on top of the soil under your tree
- ✓ Keep mulch 3 inches from trunk
- ✓ Place mulch 4 to 6 inches deep



Keeping the grass and weeds away from the base of your tree will increase the growth rate by as much as 50% and will help prevent weed eater damage

Water the Tree

- ✓ Check 9 inches deep for soil moisture and if dry:
- ✓ Place hose on top of exposed root ball
- ✓ Turn hose on at the slowest drip rate
- ✓ Water the root ball and surrounding soil overnight, or all day, at the slowest drip rate..weekly



**Too much water will
kill your tree due to
lack of oxygen**

Do not use near your tree.



Learn to Prune Young Trees

- ✓ Sat. -January 10th
9 to 11:30 a.m.
**Roland Hensley
Park**



Thank you!

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