

PLANTING AND CARE

Planting hole size and watering are most important after selecting the right tree. Fertilizing can be done after the first growing season once absorbing roots are re-establishing. Planting too deep is the most common mistake made when planting a tree. A ball and burlap tree from a nursery already may have been planted too deep, or cultivated dirt may have been thrown on the tree trunk before it was dug and burlapped. Therefore, it is important to define where the root flare/trunk base actually is. Once the root flare/trunk base is identified, the depth of the planting hole can be determined.

Once the hole is dug, the root ball should be set on undisturbed soil (so as not to settle deeper) and the root flare/trunk base should be between ground level and 2" above. Two inches above ground level would be best to allow room for up to two inches of mulch once planting is completed. The depth of planting should be no deeper than the root ball, leaving the root flare/trunk base two inches higher than ground level.

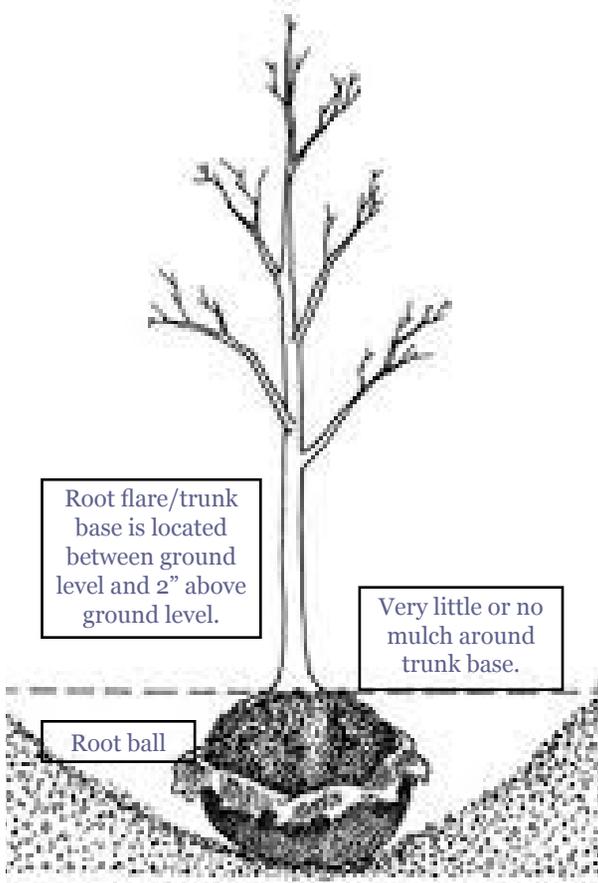
The amount of water per watering can vary from 10 gallons to 30 gallons, depending upon the size of the tree and how much the soil will absorb. Apply water slowly to avoid run-off. Water thoroughly every 7-10 days unless it receives 1" of rain. Keep in mind that well-drained soil will need water more often than clay soil, and **do not water if soil is wet or even damp**. Mulch is important to conserve moisture and protects against lawn mower or weed trimmer damage. A 2" layer tapered to the base of the trunk is sufficient. Also, for long-term tree health, do not pile dirt, sod, or mulch on the trunk.

PERMIT TO PLANT

A permit is needed to plant in a tree lawn (*that is the public area between the street and property line*) according to Ordinance 91-72. The application may be obtained from the City of Pickerington's Service Department located at 200 Hereford Drive, or City Hall Reception Desk at 100 Lockville Road.

You do not need a permit to plant a tree on private property, but the same care in selection is advisable. A homeowner can choose other species not on the recommended tree list for more open areas that have less extreme conditions such as salt and heat generated from blacktop/concrete along with soil compaction.

If you have questions concerning types of trees, please contact the Service Department.



IMPORTANT: There could be from 0" to 5" of dirt on top of the actual trunk base. You must determine the actual location of the root flare/trunk base before measuring the depth of the hole.

Do not mistake a 'graft' for the root flare/trunk base. The graft could be from 2" to 6" above the root flare/trunk base or there could be no graft at all.

Remove the wire basket and rope. Cut off the top part of the burlap before filling in the last few inches of dirt. Set the root ball on undisturbed soil to prevent settling.

Work the fill dirt in with a shovel to rid the area of air pockets. Water the tree to help settle the dirt. Do not tamp or stamp dirt to fill in the hole.

TREES FOR THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON



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RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR STREET TREES:

- Water new trees
- Keep trees properly mulched
- No mower/weed trimmer trunk damage
- Contact City if trees need:
 - pruned
 - care for insect/disease damage
 - staked
 - fertilized
- Keep pets from urinating on tree trunks
- Obtain permit for planting or removal

CITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR STREET TREES:

- Pruning
- Fertilizing
- Insect control
- Approves species and spacing for issued permits
- Storm damage chipping
- Any other maintenance



Sycamore Tree*



Blossoms*

DONATIONS

Donations may be made for trees to be planted “In Memory” or “In Honor” of a person or group. For more information, call the Service Department at 833-2292.

ARBORETUM

The Sycamore Park Arboretum is located in Sycamore Park across the covered bridge. A rustic trail guides you past a large variety of native trees, many of which are labeled for identification. The public is welcome to visit during park hours.

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The Pickerington Parks & Recreation Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Pickerington City Hall, 100 Lockville Road. Meetings are open to the public.

*Treat the earth well.
It was not given to you by your parents,
it was loaned to you by your children.
We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,
we borrow it from our Children.*

Ancient Native American Proverb

A WORD OF CAUTION FOR TREE PLANTING

Most species of trees (with the exception of those listed below as not recommended) can be planted in the yard or open spaces. It is necessary to verify the size, height and width once full grown to determine the amount of space needed and check for overhead power and utility lines. **Call the OUPS hotline (1-800-362-2764) 48 hours before digging and a representative will mark underground lines for you.**

For a **complete** list of recommended trees, contact the City of Pickerington’s Service Department at 833-2292 or visit the Streets, Utilities, and Public Services section of the City website: at www.pickerington.net



*I do not think the measure of a civilization is how tall its buildings of concrete are,
But rather how well its people have
learned to relate to their environment and fellow man.*
Sun Bear of the Chippewa Tribe

TREES NOT RECOMMENDED

Structural problems, insect infestation, disease susceptibility, early leaf drop, fruit litter, sewer invasion, and wind damage may make the following poor choices for planting:

Fir, Box Elder, Silver Maple, Buckeye, Horse Chestnut, Ailanthus, Birch (except River Birch), Osage Orange, Mulberry, Poplar, Cottonwood, Black Locust, Willow, Weeping varieties, Female Gingko, Pear, and all varieties of Ash Trees.
Bolded Species: Are good for yards with open spaces but not in the city.