



Hello, Neighbor!

**I am your new shade tree.
Will you please help take
care of me?**

Please follow the simple instructions on the back of this card to help your newly planted tree grow and flourish.

In return, your tree will provide shade, absorb dangerous carbon dioxide from the air and add beauty to your home for many years to come.

TREE SPECIES:

For more information, visit cityofsummit.org/treespecies.

This tree has been planted by the City of Summit and Union County.



How to Care for Your Tree

Watering

- Water every two to three days for the first few months, especially in June, July and August. After that, water one to two times per week until the end of November.
- Give your tree five gallons at each watering, or 15-20 minutes with a soaker hose. (Check hose water pressure and flow rate.)
- Deliver water slowly to ensure that the entire root zone has been saturated. Using a soaker hose or drip line, placed in concentric circles around the root zone, is a great way to achieve this. To avoid root rot, take care not to wrap a hose too close to the trunk.

Protecting from Trimmers, Deer, Weeds

- Lawnmowers and line weed trimmers can do damage to a fragile trunk. A donut-shaped mulch ring around the tree will help keep lawn equipment at a distance. (See below.)
- If you have deer activity in your neighborhood, please request trunk protection from the Summit City Forester. Bucks can rub against trees, damaging bark.
- Remove weeds and grasses around trunk as they compete with the roots for water.

Future Mulching

The City of Summit just mulched your new tree. Mulch retains moisture, prevents weeds from growing near the roots, and keeps lawn equipment away. Starting next year:

- Mulch once a season, no more than 3" deep.
- Spread mulch in a donut shape, 6" away from the trunk to avoid bark damage.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Summit City Forester at 908.273.6404.