

Caring For Your Street Tree




Trees planted on your street provide shade, privacy, oxygen and beautify your neighbourhood.

Do's

- Please water your tree only during drought conditions. For example, during periods of little or no rain a tree may need 8 liters of water a week.
- Leave the mulch saucer in place, it reduces water loss and weed growth.
- Protect the newly forming roots by not digging around them.
- Keep lawn mowers and string trimmers (weed wackers) away from the tree to avoid bark damage.

Don'ts

- Do not mound up soil and mulch around the tree trunk.
- Do not plant shrubs, vines or flowers or build, brick or wood planters and retaining walls at the base of the tree around the root ball, as this will damage and impact root growth.
- Do not prune or stake the tree by yourself.
- Do not remove tree stakes or guy wires.



Keep mulch
2.5 - 5 cm back
from trunk

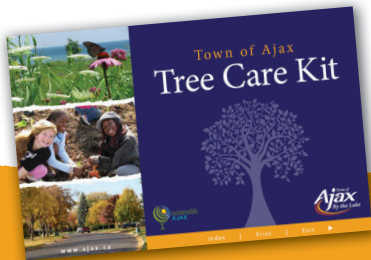
5 to 10 cm layer
of mulch

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in creating a more beautiful and healthy environment in our town.

The Town's **Tree Care Kit** is a great resource for residents who want to explore Ajax's urban forest and care for trees on their property.

The tree care kit includes:

- Introduction to Ajax's Urban Forest
- Made for Shade
- The Landowners Guide to Controlling Invasive Woodland Plants
- Trees are Good
- Healthy Yards
- Municipal Street Tree Information Sheets & Maintenance Guidelines (Street Tree Planting)
- Emerald Ash Borer



Download the free kit at
www.sustainableajax.ca

**If you have any questions or notice any problems
with your street tree please contact:**



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