

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Follow this maintenance schedule for the life of your tree. Detailed instructions are on the pages indicated in parentheses. Use regionally adapted or native plants to reduce water and other maintenance needs for the life of the tree.

Type of Care	Timeline			
	At planting	Years 1 to 3	Years 4 to 10	After 10 years
Water (p. 13)	5 gallons	Correct amount is <i>critical</i> from spring through autumn and during dry winters	As needed	
Mulch (p. 16)	2-4 inches deep, not against trunk	Check and adjust level in spring		
Protect Trunk (p. 14)	As needed	Check in spring and autumn		N/A
Stake (p. 11)	<i>Only</i> if needed	Check in spring and autumn. Remove after 1-2 years.	N/A	N/A
Clean Root Collar (p. 15)	Uncover at planting	Clean root collar every year		
Check for Encircling Roots (p. 9, 15)	Check before planting (p. 9)	N/A	Check every 4-5 years (p. 15)	
Check Health (p. 17, 35)	Select a healthy tree (p. 35)	Inspect leaves, branches, crown and trunk every year (p. 17)		
Check Safety (p. 17)	N/A	Inspect in summer, winter, and after storms (p. 17)		
Prune* (p. 7, 18-23)	Prune only critical branches or to eliminate extra leaders (p. 7)	Prune lightly in Year 2 or 3 (p. 18-23)	Every 3 years	Fruit trees every 1-3 years, other broad-leaved trees every 5 years, conifers only as needed

*For some tree types, pruning or removal during certain times of the year can increase the likelihood of disease transmission. See p. 20 for details.

N/A—not applicable