

## Notice: Tree planting adjacent to your property

Dear Resident,

The Town of Newmarket has identified an opportunity to **plant a tree adjacent to your property** as part of the Town of Newmarket's Urban Forestry Management Program.

The Town of Newmarket will plant a:  
\_\_\_\_\_ tree  
adjacent to, or in the vicinity of your property.

You may notice the following:

- Stakes to identify tree planting locations
- Utility locates being marked

The tree species planted will complement the streetscape and will be within municipal road allowances. Careful consideration is given to the location of the planted tree to ensure its longevity. Factors such as sight lines, overhead obstacles, drainage patterns, underground utilities, offsets from driveways and utilities are also considered.

For more information, call **905-895-5193**, email **info@newmarket.ca** or visit **www.newmarket.ca**

Please note, if the boulevard tree requires pruning, please contact the Town of Newmarket at 905-895-5193. **Homeowners are asked not to preform any type of tree pruning on the Town's boulevard tree.**

Homeowners can help care for the Town boulevard tree by keeping this notice and referring to the back for tree maintenance tips.



## Tree maintenance tips:

### How to water the tree:

- Remember to keep tree soil moist but not soaked. Overwatering a tree can cause negative effects to the tree's health. It is important to check the tree's soil below the surface and not at the surface.
- Apply 90 litres (20 gallons) of water once every two weeks for clay sites and once a week on sandy sites.
- Continue to water your tree until mid-fall. Once weather temperatures begin to drop, less watering will be required.

### Mulch for trees:

- Mulch can be very beneficial to trees as it maintains moisture, reduces compaction and helps improve soil conditions. The key is to apply mulch properly. Mulch that is applied improperly can cause the tree to die.
- Apply mulch wide, not deep. A five to ten centimetre (two to four inch) layer is ideal. Too much mulch can cause problems with oxygen and moisture levels.
- Keep mulch away from the trunk of the tree to avoid trunk rotting.

### Residents are reminded:

- **Not to** plant flowers around trees. Flowers often require more frequent watering than trees. As a result, this can have negative effect on younger trees.
- **Not to** build a retaining wall and/or garden bed(s) as they can have a negative effect on trees. The trunk of the tree should never be buried, and the soil should always be level with the base of the trunk. If the base of the trunk is buried, it has the potential to rot out the base and ultimately cause the tree to die.
- **Not to** remove the wooden support stakes as they provide the necessary support until new trees establish a good root system. The Town will return to remove the support stakes within one-to-three years of planting.
- **Not to** apply any products or dressings to tree wounds. These products will hinder the natural healing process of the tree.
- **Not to** prune Town boulevard trees. If the boulevard tree requires pruning, please contact the Town of Newmarket at 905-895-5193 and the Town will review for necessary work.