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*Unable to water at times?*  
*Call the*  
*Swampscott DPW*  
*for help!*  
*781-596-8860*

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# ***YOUR TREE***

Address

Species

Date Planted



## ***TREE CARE***

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Congratulations! You received a new tree in front of your home.

Increasing tree canopy helps communities with heating/cooling costs, flood mitigation, pollution, and general well being.

Here are some tips on helping this new tree establish and thrive.

# Fill bag 1x/week



..even if it  
rains!

## ***WATERING***

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Gator Bags are placed on trees to assist with optimal watering. Fill bags 1x a week (even if it rains) to allow water to slowly seep and drench all the roots. Continue watering until ground freezes in winter and then start back up in Spring. New trees need watering for 2 years, maintaining themselves afterwards.

## ***MULCHING***

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When adding mulch to tree, **do not create a volcano mound** as pictured below. The root flare should be visible. When covered, this can lead to trunk rot and growth issues. Mulch helps keep soil cool and prevents weeds but should be kept 3" away from the trunk.

Mulch Volcano - BAD



Proper Mulching



## ***PRUNING***

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Please contact the DPW if you notice significant broken branches/damage. They will properly assess. Please do not perform cuts yourself!