



Dear Homeowner:

Your **FREE TREE** will be delivered on **APRIL 18th, 2008**. Since the tree will be delivered “bare root”, there are some steps you should take to ensure its survival.

Before the tree arrives

- 1) Decide where the tree is to be planted. The location should be **ON YOUR PROPERTY IN THE FRONT YARD** in view of the street. Check the location of sewer and water connections and also avoid overhead wires. In general, **the tree should be not less than 35 feet from the centre of the road.**
- 2) Get one or two wood or steel stakes about six feet long to support the tree for the first few years.
- 3) Get one or two ties to secure the tree to the stake(s). A length of wire in a short piece of garden hose works well.
- 4) If time permits you may wish to dig the hole ahead of time so the tree can be planted immediately.

After the tree arrives

- 1) Place the tree in a cool shady place.
- 2) Cover the roots and keep them moist. Wet burlap, moist sawdust or peat moss works well. **DO NOT PLACE THE TREE IN WATER!!**
- 3) Dig a hole about 30 inches in diameter and at least 18 inches deep (depth will be determined by soil line on tree).
- 4) Drive the stake(s) beside the edge of the hole deep enough to support the trunk in an upright position.
- 5) Place the tree in the hole no deeper than the old soil line on the tree. Spread the roots out evenly in the hole taking care not to break any of the small hair like roots.
- 6) Backfill the hole with fine soil, spreading it evenly around the roots. If necessary or desired, mix in some peat moss to lighten the soil.
- 7) When the hole is about half full, add a small amount (not more than half a pail) of water to settle the soil around the roots.
- 8) Finish filling the hole to the old soil line on the tree but leave it slightly below the adjacent ground to facilitate watering. Cover the area with a wood mulch to help hold the water in the soil during the summer months.
- 9) Secure the tree loosely to the stake using the wire and garden hose.
- 10) Add another half pail of water and water weekly if necessary till the fall.
- 11) Do not fertilize the tree the first year. The second year fertilize with a high phosphorous material (higher middle number) such as a 10-52-10 water soluble plant starter.