Periodically CHECK THE STAKES AND TIES to make sure they are not harming the trunk or branches. The stakes and ties can be removed when your tree can stand securely by itself in an upright position.

STAKING

Your new tree will need to be WATERED INDEPENDENTLY from your lawn or other ground cover. For the first year, it is recommended that you provide a minimum of 15 GALLONS A WEEK. To do this, fill the basin around the tree to the top then let the water soak in, then fill it a second time. Be careful not to wash away soil around the roots.

WATERING

Maintain a 2-4” BASE OF MULCH inside the dirt basin around the base of your tree to reduce moisture evaporation from the soil and help control weeds. Mulch should be kept 3-4 inches AWAY FROM THE TRUNK.

MULCHING

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STAKING

Keep weeds and grass AT LEAST 36 INCHES from the tree trunk.

WEEDING

Generally, your tree will NOT NEED PRUNING during its FIRST TWO YEARS. The more foliage that remains on the tree, the faster it will grow.

PRUNING
CARING OF CITY TREES

It is both the responsibility of the property owner and the City of Riverside to care for City trees. A City tree is an approved tree that is located in the City right-of-way. This is generally the area between the sidewalk and the curb (or between 12 and 15 feet from the face of the curb or edge of roadway). Trees planted in that right-of-way must be planted by permit only.

CHOOSE YOUR TREE CAREFULLY!

- Make sure trees have PLENTY OF SPACE TO GROW. Avoid conflicts with solar panels, satellite dishes, & roof structures.
- Plant your trees in NATURAL SOIL.
- Planting shade trees in the right locations around your home can help LOWER SUMMER COOLING COSTS.

Some trees that thrive in the City of Riverside include:

- Chinese Pistache
- Goldenrain
- Jacaranda Silk
- Maidenhair (Ginkgo)
- Southern Magnolia
- London Plane (Sycamore)
- Pink Trumpet
- Redbud (Eastern or Oklahoma)

RESI PAY

Resi Pay provides residents with an option to have trees TRIMMED MORE FREQUENTLY by utilizing the services of the City’s tree maintenance contractor at a DISCOUNTED RATE. Also, certain trees may qualify to be planted or removed at the resident’s cost, subject to City review and approval. Residents may also hire their own licensed contractor to trim trees by obtaining a no-fee permit.

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CITY TREE?

WATERING CITY TREES is the property owner’s responsibility. The City of Riverside is responsible for all other maintenance of City Trees.

Make sure to hire a TRAINED ARBORIST to do this for you. For more information on Utilities line clearance services, call (951) 826-5311.

HOW OFTEN IS MY CITY TREE TRIMMED?

Currently, City trees are trimmed approximately EVERY 6 - 7 YEARS.

CAN I TRIM MY CITY TREE?

Property owners may raise the clearance of a City tree UP TO EIGHT FEET. Anything over eight feet requires a permit. For information on permits and trimming options, contact the City of Riverside’s Urban Forestry Section. RiversideCA.gov/PublicWorks/Trees

For more information, please visit RiversideCA.gov/PublicWorks/Trees

If you are unaware of underground utility locations, it is always a good idea to call UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT at (800) 227-2600 before you dig.