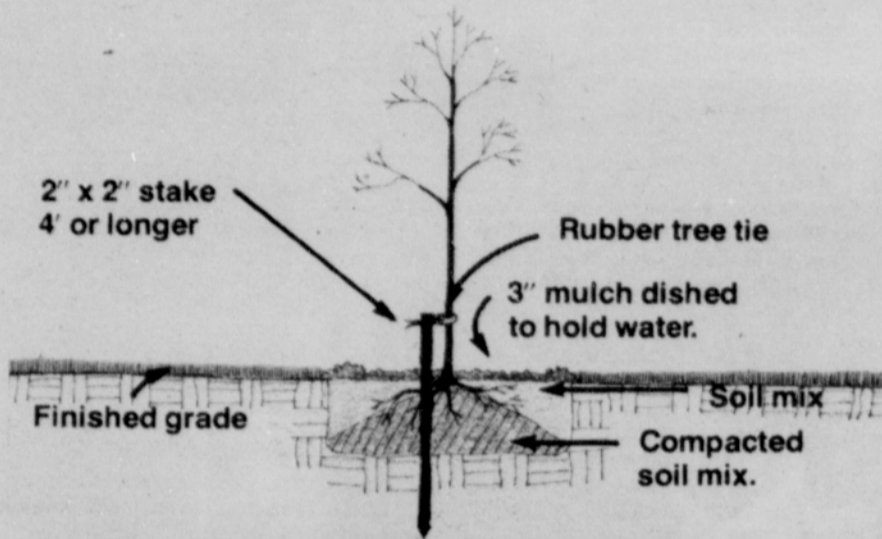


# Trees will prosper with a little care



Note: Use double stakes for trees 8' and over.

## Proper planting can get trees off to healthy start

Here is some advice for planting trees so that they get off to a good, healthy start.

It is better to plant when the tree is dormant, from mid-November to mid-March. Fall planting allows trees to make roots during the winter. Trees from cans may be planted any time.

Buy only healthy, well-budded trees with a well-established leader and four well-spaced lateral branches.

For street planting, the tree trunk should be clear of branches to six feet.

Choose a cloudy or moist day, preferably, to plant the tree. Keep roots damp and covered at all times.

The hole should be dug at least a foot wider and deeper than the spread of the roots. Soil must be well drained. If it is not, lay drain tile or fill area to be planted and

thus raise to soil level to improve drainage.

Fill bottom quarter of the hole with rotted manure, compost, or better still, organic fertilizer mixed with good topsoil. Drive in stakes.

Cover roots of tree with topsoil and tamp carefully with your foot. Tree should be set about one inch below level it grew in nursery.

When hole is nearly filled, water slowly to remove air pockets. Then completely fill hole, leaving ridge of soil for watering.

One or more two by two inch or three by three inch stakes are necessary around the tree to prevent wind rock. Bind tree with tree ties or rubber hose.

A mulch of barkdust or sawdust will help keep soil moist and prevent packing.

## Pruning helps trees grow

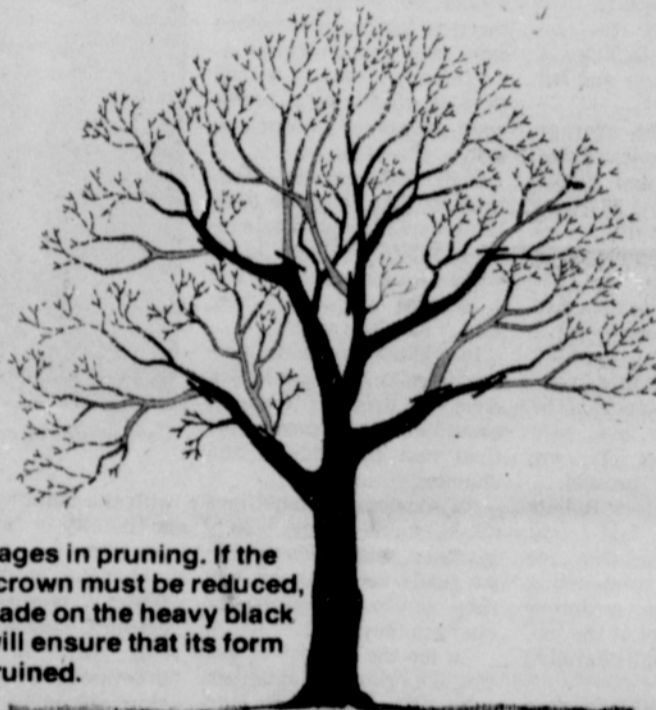
**New trees:** Since the roots are reduced when the tree was dug in the nursery, it is necessary to prune back the top growth for balance after planting.

Cut the large branches to approximately one-third their original length. Make all cuts to the outside buds. Never trim the main leader.

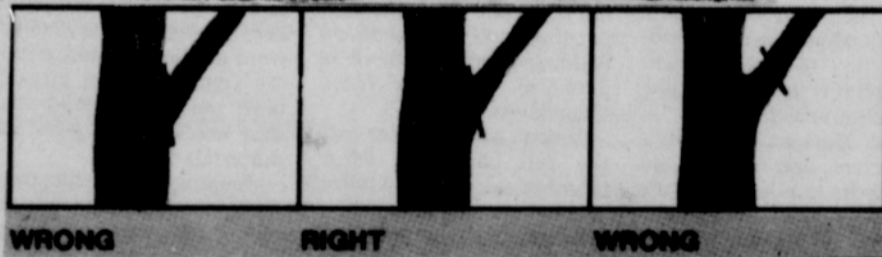
**Mature trees:** Pruning is a growth

stimulating process and in order to avoid excessive and unwanted re-growth, all cuts should be made to laterals as indicated by the black lines in the drawing below.

Cuts made in this manner will also insure that the shape and form of the tree is preserved. Major tree work on large specimen trees should be left to the professional.




Two stages in pruning. If the tree's crown must be reduced, cuts made on the heavy black lines will ensure that its form is not ruined.



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