

## CARING FOR YOUR TREE

### WATERING

Root development is the primary concern in caring for your newly planted tree. It is essential to maintain the proper moisture level in the root zone to keep all roots alive and encourage growth. Improper watering will stunt the growth of a tree and eventually kill it.

#### **The most common cause of plant loss in the Houston area is improper watering.**

Symptoms associated with inadequate watering are browning edges of the leaves, wilting and leaf drop. Unfortunately these are also the symptoms displayed by a tree that is receiving too much water or insufficient oxygen in the root zone to allow the tree to respire and take up the water by the roots.

It is best to water your newly planted tree daily, but in moderate amounts. Please refer to the watering table for your tree type and size.

### FERTILIZING

#### **Container Grown Trees**

Fertilizing a newly planted container grown tree is best accomplished by top dressing with a time released fertilizer, such as **OSMOCOTE 19-6-12**, applied in early spring. This should be done for the first three years after planting.

Recommended rates for most container grown trees are:

15 gal. ---- ½ cup	45 gal. ---- 1¼ cups	95 gal. ---- 1¾ cups
30 gal. ---- 1 cups	65 gal. ---- 1½ cups	

### MACHINE MOVED TREES

We recommend an application of **SUPER THRIVE** to be made monthly for the first three months after transplant, at a rate of ½ teaspoon (20 drops) per gallon of water. Each application should consist of five gallons of solution poured slowly over the root zone. We also recommend you make monthly applications of **MIRACLE GROW**, pouring five gallons of solution, at a rate of 1 tablespoon per gallon, slowly over the root zone.

### PRECAUTIONS

Do not use “weed & feed” fertilizers with Atrazene.  
Do not plant over root zone of the tree for at least three years.  
Leave stakes in place for one year.  
Call early if tree displays symptoms of stress.

### GUARANTEE

All trees planted by Bill Bounds Nursery and cared for in the manner described on this sheet will be guaranteed to live for one year. Trees will not be replaced after one year. Trees may be replaced one time only and then just for the original owner. We are not responsible for damage resulting from lightning, windstorms, floods, freezes or insects.

We do not guarantee trees not planted by us. We make every effort to handle healthy vigorous trees adapted to this area, so choose a tree satisfactory to you, as we make no replacements, refunds or exchanges on trees not planted by us.

**DAILY WATERING SCHEDULE**

Use this chart for watering your newly planted tree during warm weather. Amounts should be decreased during winter months.

L - Light Watering  
M - Medium Watering  
H - Heavy Watering

<u>CONTAINER</u>	<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>HEAVY</u>
15 gal.	1 gal.	2 gal.	3 gal.
30 gal.	2 gal.	3 gal.	4 gal.
45 gal.	3 gal.	4 gal.	5 gal.
65 gal.	4 gal.	5 gal.	6 gal.
95 gal.	5 gal.	6 gal.	7 gal.

  

<u>ORNAMENTAL</u>	<u>SHADE</u>	<u>OAK</u>	<u>FRUIT &amp; NUT</u>
Crape Myrtle-M	Ash-M	Bur-L	Apple-M
Dogwood-L	Bald Cypress-H	Chestnut-M	Loquat-M
Holly-M	Beech-H	Laurel-M	Peach-M
Magnolia-H	Elm, Cedar-L	Live-L	Pear-M
Magnolia Dwf.-M	Elm, Evergreen-L	Mex. White-M	Pecan-M
Magnolia, Jap.-L	Ginko-M	Nuttall-M	Persimmon-M
Mimosa-M	Maple, Red-H	Overcup-H	
Pear,Bradford-M	Maple, Trident-M	Sawtooth-M	
Tex.Mtn.Laurel-L	Pine, Loblolly-H	Shumard-M	
Vitex-M	Pistache-L	Water-M	
Redbud-L	River Birch-H	White-M	
Retama-L	Sweetgum-M	Willow-M	
Wax Lig.-M	Tupelo Gum-H		
Wax Myrtle-H			
Yaupon-L			