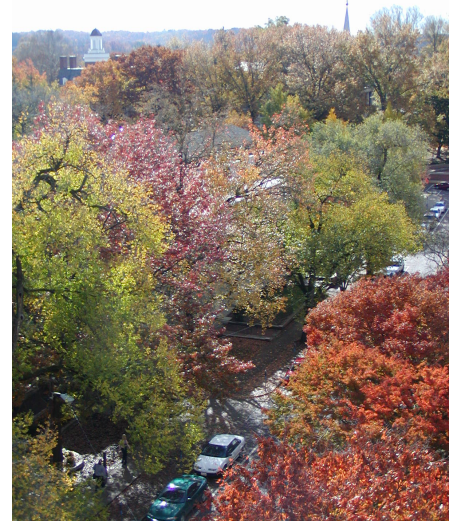


# Tree Care Guide

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Help protect your growing investment of trees and shrubs

Please Water Your Tree  
Keep Mowing Equipment Away



## Trees...

- clean the air
- muffle noise
- absorb stormwater
- reduce flooding
- provide songbird habitat
- reduce "Greenhouse Effect"
- moderate climate
- calm traffic
- reduce crime
- enhance property values
- conserve energy near buildings
- add color and character to the landscape...

## Lawnmowers and Weed Whippers

Lawn equipment can damage and kill trees by scraping tree bark. This disrupts a tree's ability to move nutrients and water from roots to leaves. These wounds also can become entry points for disease and insects.

Protect young trees with an 8-inch piece of corrugated plastic tubing. Mulch young trees to reduce grass competition and deadly encounters with lawn equipment. Mulch should not be more than 3 inches thick and must not be piled up against the trunk as this promotes rot.

## Mulch Young Trees

The application of mulch around young trees suppresses grass growth, which reduces a tree's competition with grass. Mulch also acts to fertilize and buffer young tree roots from temperature and moisture extremes.

