



URBAN TREE STEWARDSHIP

Proper tree maintenance is important for urban forests. Trees provide many benefits to our communities, but improper care can lead to tree harm, stress, damage or mortality.

TREE MAINTENANCE



PRUNE WHEN DORMANT

It is best to prune when the tree is not actively growing. Late winter is the best time to prune.



DEEP WATER IN SUMMER

Avoid light watering and instead water enough to wet 6-9 inches deep to allow deep roots systems to develop.



DON'T TOP TREES

Topping trees wounds them and can create hazards, increased stress, reduced services, and could reduce property value.



CHOOSE A DIVERSE TREE SELECTION

Planting a diverse set of trees can help protect urban communities against invasive pests and pathogens.



IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH

Add amendments, like mulch, to help retain water, suppress weeds, cover exposed roots, and protect trees from equipment.



USE PROPER PRUNING TECHNIQUES

Improper pruning can lead to large wounds, decay, increased stress, and increase disease susceptibility.

Learn more about the Forest Health Watch at <https://foresthealth.org/>