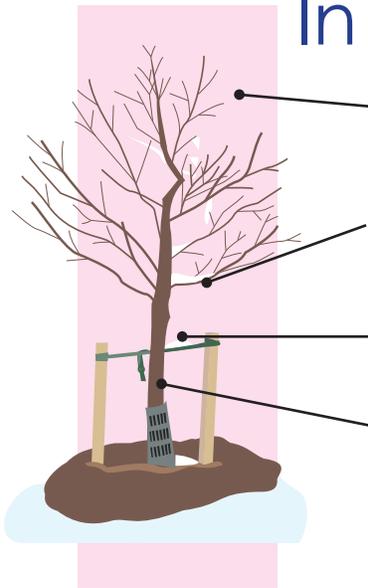


# Tree Care by Season

A year-round guide for newly planted trees

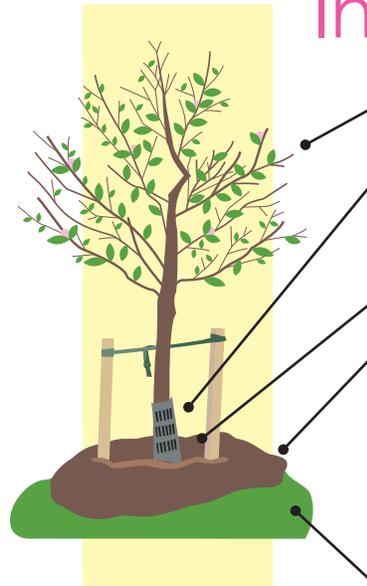
## In winter...



- Look for broken branches and carefully prune back with a clean cut.
- Keep heavy snow and ice from weighing down branches.
- Institute deer damage management practices where appropriate.
- Install high/long trunk guards that go the length of the trunk and/or mesh fencing.



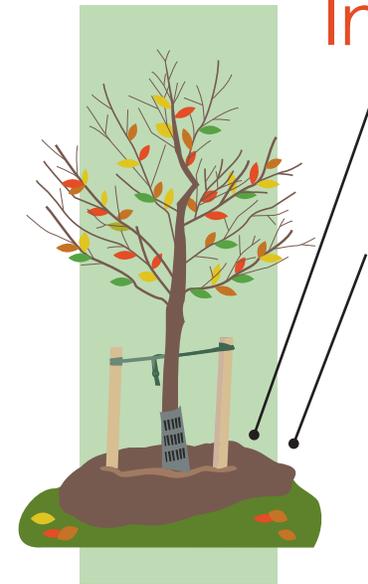
## In spring...



- Check for signs of insect infestation.
- Check that trunk guards are in place to keep trees safe from mowers and weed whackers.
- Clear leaves, mulch from trunk.
- Re-install Ooze Tubes if trees have been in the ground for less than two years.
- Monitor water. Trees need 25 gallons of water or 1.5" of rainfall each week (May - Nov).
- Pull spring weeds.



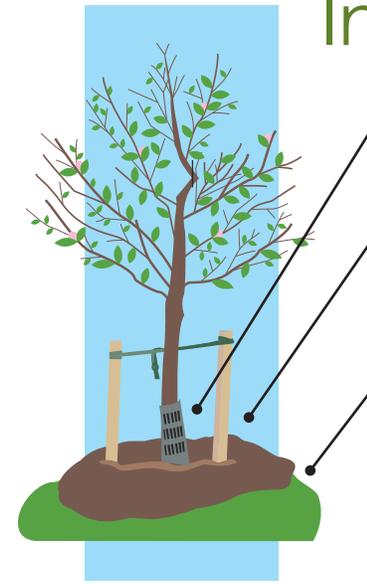
## In fall...



- Apply mulch using the 3-3-3 rule. 3" of mulch in a 3' ring with a 3" space around the trunk.
- Continue to water trees. 25 gallons of water or 1.5" of rainfall each week (May - Nov).
- Ooze Tubes can be removed in mid-Nov. Rinse, drain and store until spring.



## In summer...



- Continue to water trees. 25 gallons of water or 1.5" of rainfall each week (May - Nov).
- Apply mulch using the 3-3-3 rule. 3" of mulch in a 3' ring with a 3" space around the trunk.
- Weed regularly. Weeds steal moisture and nutrition.



### Tree Care Agreement

I accept responsibility for and commit to the care of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree(s) planted by Casey Trees through the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) RiverSmart Homes program. This includes weekly watering of 25 gallons, protecting the trunk from lawn care equipment, seasonal weeding and mulching and monitoring during the establishment period of two years.

Homeowner Name

Homeowner Signature

Date