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Post Planting Care

~ Spring Planting ~

✓ **Water**

- Deep water – **1 inch - once per week** through the first growing season if rains are not sufficient.
 - If a **drip irrigation** system was installed – run **2-4 hours**, once per week.
- Be sure to give one good, deep watering in fall prior to winter.
- Following season – deep water – 1”- every other week if rains are not sufficient, especially during hot, dry periods.

✓ **Weed Control**

- Spray Round-up in the mulched areas as needed to keep the beds clean. ~ *Careful not to spray on the trunks, needles or leaves of trees.*
- Take extra caution with 2-4D herbicides as this can greatly stunt the trees and even kill them.

✓ **Mulch**

- Mulch should be reapplied every other year, 2” thick. Take special care not to “mound” around the trunk.

✓ **Pruning**

- Pruning may be needed to maintain good structure in your trees. – *It's much easier to correct when the tree is young.* This can be done in early spring, before leafing out. The structure of the tree should be assessed, at least, every 2 years. Please contact us for more information on pruning or if you'd like a nursery professional from GPN to take care of the pruning for you.

- Keep mowers and weed trimmers **AWAY** from the base of the trees, they can cause deep cuts in the bark tissue which restricts water and nutrients to move through the tree, resulting in a slow death.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your trees.

Thank you for choosing Great Plains Nursery – it has been a pleasure working with you.

Brian & Heather Byers

