

GREAT PLAINS NURSERY

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Post-Planting Care Guide

~ Spring Planting ~

✓ **Water**

- 2 DAYS AFTER PLANTING, then once to twice per week through the summer, especially during periods of heat and drought (when rains are not sufficient). Gradually reduce the frequency until leaves drop
- Deep watering is important! – 1" of rain water or 5 gallon bucket of faucet water
- Following season – deep water every other week if rains are not sufficient, increase frequency during hot, dry periods

✓ **Weed Control**

- Keep the mulch area free of competitive weeds –Round-up can be used in the mulched areas as needed to keep the beds clean. ~ *Careful not to spray on the trunks or leaves/needles of the tree.*
- Apply a Pre-emergent herbicide (Preen) to mulch areas once in mid-April and again in mid-June to keep weed seeds from germinating. *Be sure to water in.*
- Take extra caution with 2-4D herbicides as this can greatly stunt the trees and even kill them.

✓ **Staking**

- If stakes were used, remove 1 year after planting

✓ **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 of the tree.

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 & staff