TREE SHARING FAQs

Q: Will the city plant the tree(s)?

A: No, the tree(s) will be professionally selected and planted by Unique Landscaping.

Q: Will the city provide mulch?

A: Mulching will be handled by Unique Landscaping when the tree(s) are planted.

Q: Who is responsible for identifying irrigation locations?

A: Homeowners are responsible for identifying and knowing the location of irrigation pipes, valve heads, and other related infrastructure.

Q: When will my tree(s) be planted?

A: The contractor, Unique Landscaping, will contact you approximately two weeks after your purchase to provide details about the planting schedule.

Q: How do I care for my new tree(s)?

A: Unique Landscaping will provide comprehensive care instructions to ensure the health and longevity of your tree(s).

Q: Do I need to be home during the planting?

A: No, homeowners do not need to be present when the tree(s) are planted.

Q: Will the city stake the tree(s)?

A: No, tree staking will not be provided. However, stakes can be picked up at 610 Shady Brook Drive, Grapevine, TX if needed.

Q: Can the new tree(s) be planted in the same spot as a removed tree?

A: No, new tree(s) require fresh soil and cannot be planted in the same location as old trees.

Q: Will the city remove old trees or stumps?

A: No, tree or stump removal is not part of the program.

Q: Can I plant the new tree(s) over an old stump?

A: No, new tree(s) must be planted at least five (5) feet away from an old stump.

Q: Will the city grade the area or add soil before planting?

A: No, grading work and soil additions are not provided.

Q: How close to my house can I plant the tree(s)?

A: Follow the 15-foot rule. Consider the mature size of the tree and ensure it will clear eaves, gutters, windows, and walkways. Trees cannot be planted under power lines. For the larger tree species, plant at least 30 feet away from power lines, and for smaller species, plant at least 15 feet away. The height of power lines may also affect the planting distance. We do not plant over buried power lines.



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Procedures

Important information about your Tree Sharing Tree. Unique Landscaping will call Texas811 on your behalf. This is an agency, which handles all utilities to be marked in your yard prior to the start of any digging.

They usually respond within 2 days and will mark your telephone, cable TV, gas and electric lines. When you see that all your lines have been marked, it is safe to put the 12-inch tree stake with the tree name in the ground where you want us to plant your tree. They will not mark your property if a dog is in your yard or do not have gate access so please keep all dogs inside and gates unlocked until after Texas811 has marked the lines.

We cannot plant your tree until we receive your confirmation that the utilities have been marked. **Once you** see they are marked, please email us at <u>info@Indscpng.com</u> or call the office at 817-488-4124.

Below are a few basic guidelines for the care of your newly planted tree.

Watering

The tree will be watered in well when planted. If we have not had sufficient (approximately 1") rainfall in a twoweek period, water the tree. It is important to learn to water the tree slowly and deep. This can be accomplished by letting the hose drip slowly on the root ball over night. Don't forget to turn the hose off within 24 hours. We should receive sufficient rainfall throughout the winter and spring. Let Mother Nature take care of the tree. During the heat of the summer, June through September, water the tree every two weeks if we have not had sufficient (approximately 1") rainfall. Again, it is important to water the tree slowly and deep by letting the hose drip slowly on the root ball over night.

Additional Planting

Do not plant any flowers and/or raised planters around the base of the tree for one year. This may cause adverse effects on the tree growth and void the six month warranty extended by Unique Landscaping.

Fertilizing

Your newly planted tree has been nursery grown and professionally planted. It is not necessary to fertilize your tree for <u>one year</u>. Unique Landscaping believes the tree is in transplant shock and will not take up any fertilizer until it has an established root system. **We recommend no fertilizer or root stimulator for a period of one year**. In the early spring (February) of 2022, you can fertilize the tree with any tree and shrub food or fertilizer program. Always read the label and follow the directions. If the tree has been fertilized during the one-year period it will forfeit the guarantee. In 2022, you can fertilize your tree.

Staking and Mulching

The tree will be mulched to help conserve moisture and buffer temperature extremes. After the one-year period, any remaining mulch can be removed. It is Unique Landscaping's belief that a tree that has been properly planted will not need staking, mainly because we do not want the tree to become dependent on the stake. However, if the tree does fall over or we are having high winds (gusts over 30 mph) at the time of planting, Unique Landscaping will stake your tree for an additional fee.

