



Fall Tree Care Guide

By following these care tips, you can help your trees and shrubs stay healthy and strong through the winter and beyond.

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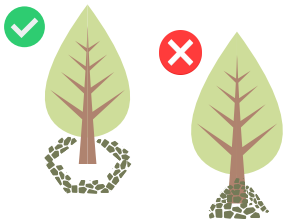
1 Watering

- As the weather cools, ensure your trees and shrubs are well-hydrated. Water deeply until the ground freezes, especially during dry spells.
- Maintain consistent moisture but avoid waterlogging. Well-watered plants are better prepared to endure winter stresses.



2 Mulching

- Apply a fresh layer of mulch (2-4 inches) around the base of trees and shrubs to insulate the roots and retain soil moisture.
- Keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk (donut formation) to prevent rot and pest issues



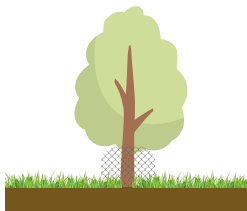
3 Pruning

- Trim dead, damaged, or diseased branches to prevent problems from spreading and improve overall plant health.
- For most trees and shrubs, light pruning (1/4 of the tree at most) is best done in late fall when the plants are dormant.



4 Protection

- For sensitive plants, consider using burlap wraps or other coverings to shield them from cold winds and frost.
- Animal Protection: Use tree guards or fencing to protect smaller trees and shrubs from animal damage.



5 Fertilization

- Apply a slow-release, low-nitrogen fertilizer in late fall to support root development without promoting new growth.



5 Monitoring & Maintenance

- Gently brush off heavy snow from branches to prevent breakage. Avoid shaking branches, as this can cause damage.