

Quick Tips for Citizen Support of Santa Ana's Urban Forest

Below is a list of comprehensive information that should help whether your tree is growing too large, you want to plant a tree, or you notice a tree in need of City attention:

- Call the Maintenance Services Division at 714-647-3380 if you see any City tree in need of attention or if you have questions or problems regarding City trees.
- Please care for the trees on your private property; they're also part of our community forest.
- Help your own new trees grow strong by loosely securing their trunks with rubber-coated tree ties, or other non-abrasive materials, attached to tree stakes. Remove stakes and ties when the tree is strong enough to stand unsupported, usually after two years.
- Build a watering basin around a newly planted tree and water deeply to encourage proper root growth. Deep water mature street trees during long dry spells.
- Spread wood chips or mulch around the base of the tree to conserve water and reduce competition from weeds and grass.
- Protect young trees from lawn equipment damage and vandalism by installing trunk guards (available from your local nursery).
- Utilize the services of professionally trained individuals such as a Certified Nursery employee, Certified Arborist, or Certified Tree Worker for important tree-related tasks.
- Become knowledgeable about proper pruning techniques, like the Natural Target Cut. Always cut outside the branch collar and be careful not to leave a stub.
- Never prune more than 10-25% of a tree's living foliage. Do not remove more than 10% living foliage from slow-growing trees such as native oaks. Do not remove more than 25% from fast-growing trees such as Eucalyptus, Elms or Ash.
- Never "top" a tree!
- Keep an eye out for fun and informative tree-related events such as the City's annual Arbor Day celebration (April or October).



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