



Tips for caring for your street tree

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has recently planted a tree outside your home as part of Council's annual planting program.

The following tips outline the ways you can help care for your new street tree:

Watering

During the hot dry months, your tree will need extra water once or twice a week for the first three seasons of its life. Please fill the water saver up to at least two thirds full with water from a bucket or hose. This will help your tree grow and develop into a strong and healthy street tree.

Weed control

Avoid the growth of weeds at the base of your tree, as they use valuable water and nutrients in the ground. You can place a layer of mulch or lawn clippings over the roots, but ensure that no mulch is built up around the trunk as this can contribute to disease.

Private planting

Please don't plant additional plants at the base as many of these are vigorous and will steal moisture and nutrients.

Fertilising

There is no need to fertilise your tree. At the time of planting your tree was given a slow release fertiliser which will keep it going.

Mowing and maintenance

Try to avoid damage to the trunk when mowing or whipper-snipping as this will create a wound, enabling fungi and diseases to enter the trees system.

Damaged tree

Please let us know if your tree is stressed or damaged so we can respond accordingly. Report any issues by calling 5422 0333 or via email on mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

