

Protecting your New Native Tree

Congratulations on your new native tree! This tree will help to sustain wildlife in your yard by providing food, shelter, and nesting locations. Before it can do that, this tree will need some assistance to protect it while it is still establishing its root system.



Tree tubes help to protect your tree from deer and rodents. It is best to put on these tubes at the end of the summer (August) and should be kept on until Christmas. It is important to take it off by the beginning of May, so that the bark can get sunlight and moisture doesn't become trapped between the tube and the bark. Metal Fencing can also be used and kept up for a longer period of time, as long as the tree is not growing into the fencing. Tree tubes should be used for the first 3-4 years after planting.

Tree Staking helps to keep the tree stable against winds and precipitation while their roots are becoming established below ground. The stakes can stay up for two years. After the first year, make sure the support around the trunk is still tight but isn't girdling the tree. After the first year, either adjust the straps and keep it staked for another year, or you can remove them if the tree feels strong.

We look forward to watching your tree grow and provide essential habitat in your yard. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out so our team can assist you!

