



Deer and Rabbit Protections

Tree tubes
Wire cages
Repellents
Tall Metal Stakes

A Great Read

Recommended : "Entangled
Life" by Merlin Sheldrake.
How fungi make our worlds,
change our minds, shape our
futures and connect us with
the living natural world.

Good Quote

"Out beyond ideas of
wrongdoing and rightdoing
there is a field. I'll meet you
there." - Rumi

Sunfish Lake's Arbor Day is
cohosted by the Sunfish
Lake Tree Board, Recycling
Coordinator Courtney
Selstad, and your City
Forester, Jim Naves.

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2025 Sunfish Lake Arbor Day Tree Planting

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunfish Lake's Arbor Day Event will happen along the 494 side of Salem Church Road west of the corner of Windy Hill near 45 Salem Church Road. Please join with your neighbors to plant trees, share treats and conversations, buy baby trees and welcome spring to our City.

Reserve a Time to Plant Trees with the City Forester

Call ahead to reserve a time for your family/group tree planting at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, and 1 pm. All planting holes will be pre-dug and ready for installing trees but bring gloves and your favorite planting shovel. A few extra shovels will be on hand. Know that by planting a tree you have made your neighborhood, your community, and our world a better place. Thank you for your service! Trees are the answer, especially when they live long and prosper. Please call Jim with any questions at 612-803-9033 or jim_naves@mac.com



Old Tjikko, the world's oldest
Norway Spruce at 9500+ years
old.

Trees for Sale

A limited number of
spruce, white pine, black
cherry, red Oak, white oak
and shagbark hickory
baby trees are available
to purchase at \$5.00
each. Call ahead to be
sure you get the trees you
want.

Basic Tree Planting Guidelines so My Baby Tree Can Grow Faster and Healthier

Every tree seed starts life coded with all the information it needs to grow into a healthy mature adult. However, once the seed germinates its future success depends on soil conditions, adequate moisture, reasonable weather, and if we humans are involved, us not hindering the tree's success by us either giving too much or too little loving care.

1. Keep your baby tree cool and moist, especially the roots, from purchase through planting in its forever location.
2. Trim broken, damaged, circling, or other dysfunctional roots just before planting.
3. Only remove broken or damaged branches back to healthy tissue. The more you prune away the slower the baby tree will grow.
4. Prepare a \$100 planting hole even if your baby tree only costs you one dollar.
 - A. Remove sod, grass, or weeds from the planting site.
 - B. Loosen the soil to a depth of about a shovel blade in a 4-6' diameter circle and blend in a bag of compost to replace the volume of the removed sod, grass, and weeds.
 - C. Dig the planting hole just deep enough so that the root ball or bare root tip will just touch the bottom of the hole when the root collar is no more than 1" below the planting soil surface. The root collar is where the tree trunk flares out into its roots.
5. Have an assistant hold the baby tree upright and at the correct depth in the hole, refill the planting hole with the blended soil. Firm the soil using your balled up fists by leaning in from a kneeling position.
6. Sprinkle about 1 quart of C 20 soil amendment or similar product in a ring about 12" from the baby trees' trunk.
7. Apply shredded wood mulch in a donut shape around the new tree leaving about 4" of air space with no mulch at the tree trunk. Mulch should be 3-4" depth. A 4' diameter mulch ring is good but larger diameter is better. At the baby tree stage trees are not very strong competitors for water, nutrients and light while grasses and weeds are super competitive. Hold back the weed and grass competition with mulch and the tree has much better access to water, nutrients and light and may grow 3 times faster in its early years.
8. Water as needed for your soil type, especially the first three years and most especially when we have drought type weather conditions. A baby tree may need only a 5 gallon pail of water per week when there is no significant rain that week.
9. Prevent damage by critters (voles, deer, and rabbits).



Interspecific hybrid chestnut with trunk protection tube for rabbits and voles, welded wire cage for deer, and wide mulch ring to reduce competition from grasses and weeds.