

# Victoria Bay Street Trees You're Responsible

Now that the HOA has replaced all the street trees -

They are no longer under warranty. You, as a home owner, are responsible for the care, maintenance and survival of trees within the area surrounding your home. - not the HOA and not the town. Hopely this guide will help.

For more information see: [www.victoriabayhoa.com](http://www.victoriabayhoa.com)

## IMPORTANT

Keep this and if you sell please give to new homeowner.

## Caring For Your Trees

### 1. **Water** Tree Regularly

Most tree species require 1 inch of water per week during growing season, Make sure not to overwater. **Never** apply irrigation water directly to the trunk or root collar area..

### 2. **Fertilize** Spring and Fall.

\*if using time release fertilize in spring only.

### 3. **Remove** all **suckers** on trunks.

Clip off new growth as it appears

### 4. Prevent **Root Choke**

Roots that instead of growing into the ground, begin to girdle the root collar or roots, eventually preventing your tree from getting water and nutrients.

\*See diagrams on other side\*

### 5. Watch for Signs of **Tree Disease**

Watch for problems with leaves, bark and storm damage.

\*\*Check VB Web site for more Information.

Contact: **Bartlett Tree Experts** for free evaluation, treatment is cheaper than a new tree.

Bartlett Tree Experts 704-588-3713

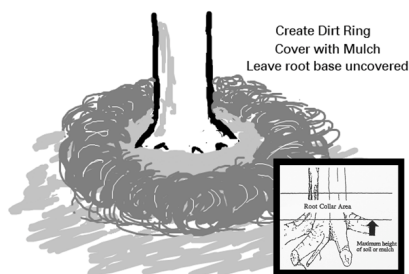
**Note: If your tree dies check VB website as to how to proceed.**

# Mulch Tree Correctly

Help prevent Root Choke

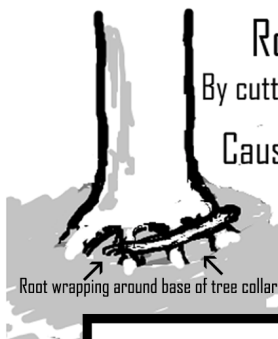
## Correct Tree Base

Maintenance



1. Carefully remove dirt from root collar with small shovel and brush so as not to hurt the bark.
2. Create Well around root collar  
By using a raised dirt ring (keeps water from running off).
3. Cover top of dirt ring with mulch up to 4 inches,  
But not against the bark.

## Incorrect Mulching



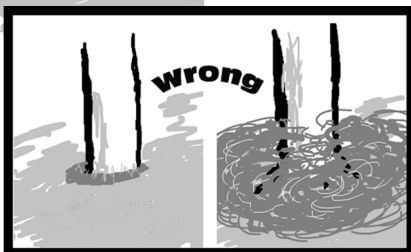
### Root Choke Kills

By cutting off tree's water supply.

Caused by: Mulching Wrong

Nothing should ever touch bark.  
Not grass, plants or mulch.

(See diagram Correct Tree Mulching)



For more information on Root Collar Disorders  
See the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories  
Technical Report

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