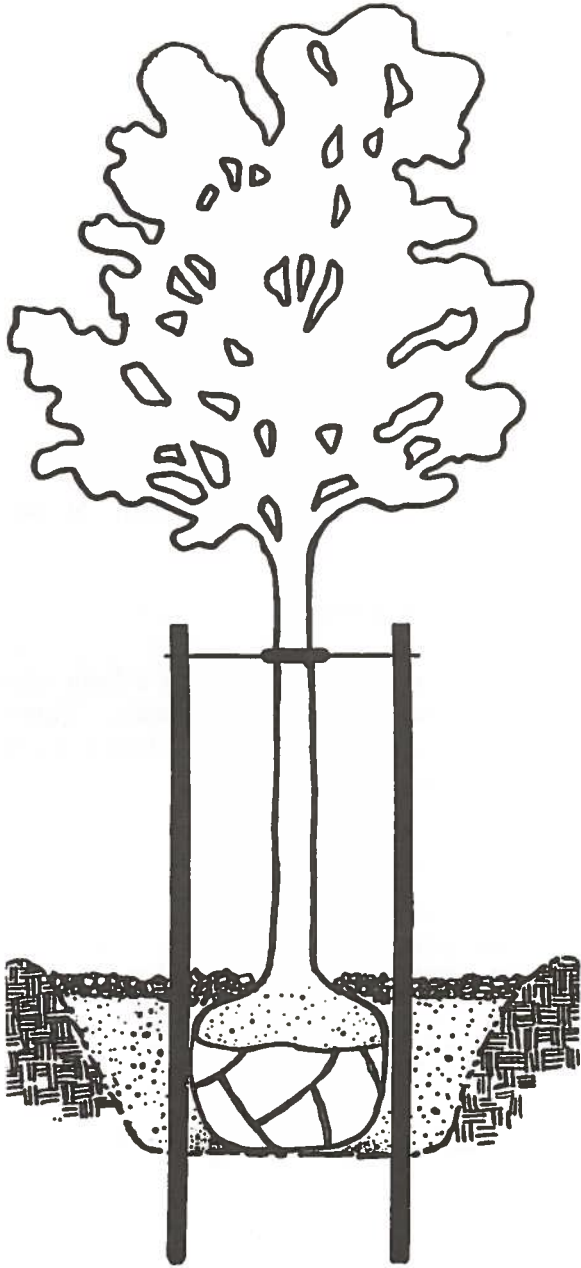
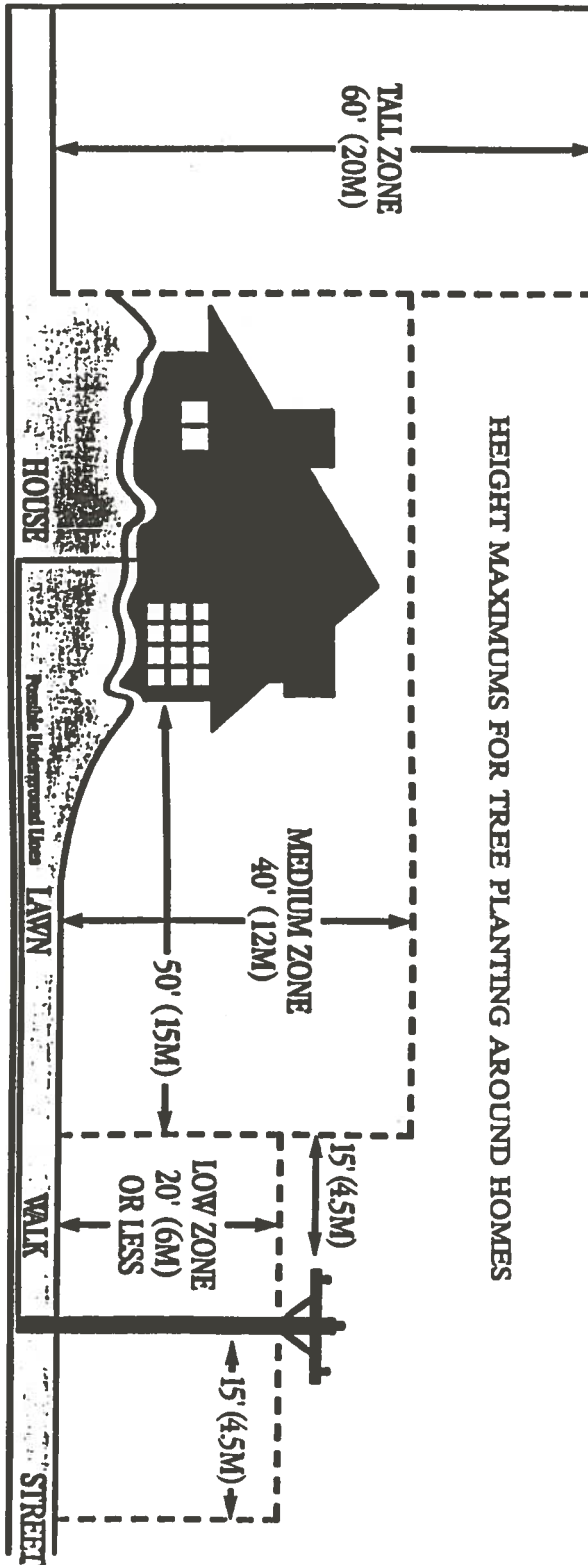


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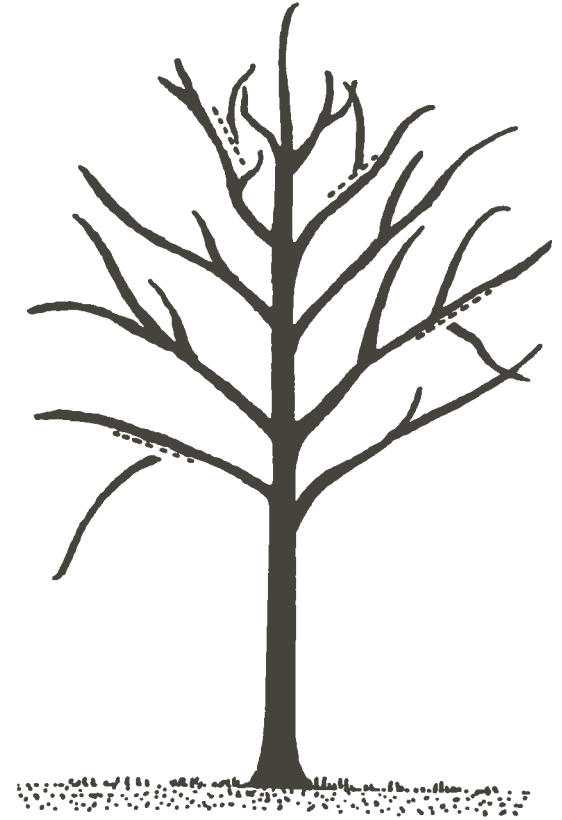


PLANT A TREE!



HEIGHT MAXIMUMS FOR TREE PLANTING AROUND HOMES

PROPER TREE SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE



SELECTIVE PRUNING



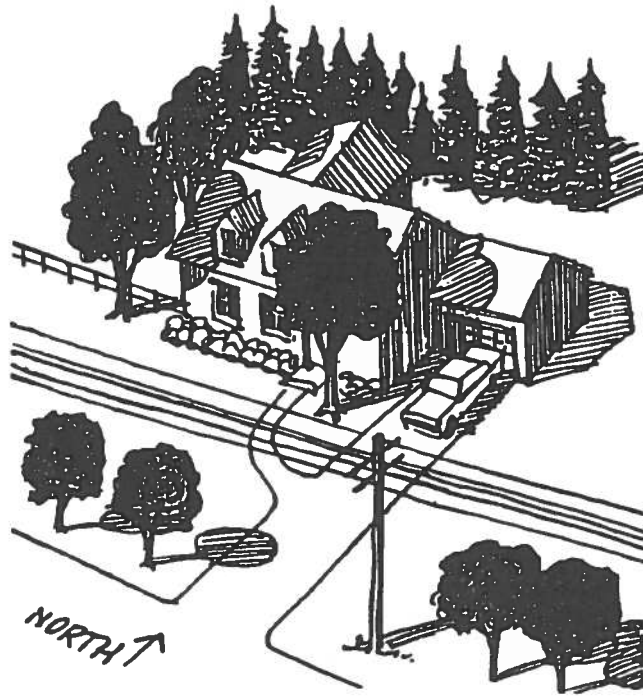
WHY PLANT TREES?

Trees benefit us in a number of ways:

-- Environmental: Trees produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide, lessening the "greenhouse effect". Trees reduce soil erosion and create wind and sun blocks.

-- Economic: Trees increase property values, create jobs in the forestry industry, and help reduce energy needs and noise impacts.

-- Social: Trees are therapeutic and help create a sense of community and place.



TREE SELECTION FOR BEL AIR AREA

Major/Shade

Tall -- Ash (Green, White), Maple (Red, Sugar, Silver), Oak (White, Red, Pin), Sweet Gum, Sycamore

Medium -- Honeylocust, Birch, Hornbeam

Low -- Maple (Amur, Japanese, Trident)

Ornamental/Flowering

Tall -- Linden

Medium -- Goldenrain, Cherry

Low -- Crabapple, Dogwood, Yellowwood

Evergreen

Tall -- White Pine, Norway Spruce

Medium -- American Holly, Blue Spruce, Eastern Hemlock

Low -- Arborvitae, Eastern Red Cedar, Japanese Black Pine

(Source: Tree City USA Bulletin)

BEFORE PLANTING CONSIDER:

Summer:

Deciduous trees to the east and southeast sides of your home to provide shade and reduce cooling costs.

Fall/Spring:

Flowering ornamental trees and brightly colored shade trees to enhance the beauty of your home.

Winter:

Evergreens along the north and west sides of your home to provide windbreaks and reduce energy consumption.

Always keep in mind the size of the tree at maturity when selecting a planting site.

TREE MAINTENANCE TIPS:

-- Plant a tree at the same depth as it was grown in the nursery

-- Pack soil firmly around roots

-- Water thoroughly when planting and weekly during the first growing season

-- Mulch to a depth of 3 inches

-- Fertilize only when necessary

-- Trim branches so you don't damage the branch collar

-- Trim no more than one-third of the crown of a tree

-- Never top a tree!

A minimal amount of care goes a long way to enhancing the health of a tree. Trees need care and maintenance. Don't let a tree become a hazard.

BEFORE YOU DIG LOOK UP, DOWN AND ALL AROUND FOR UTILITY SERVICE LINES AND BOXES. CONTACT MISS UTILITY @ 1-800-257-7777

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