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***The Path to
Planting
Perky Trees***



The City of Newport Tree & Parks Supervisor discourages the planting of these kinds of fast-growing, structurally weak trees:

- Ailanthus or Tree of Heaven
- Babylon Weeping Willow
- White Willow
- Box Elder
- Eastern Cottonwood or Eastern Poplar
- Quaking Aspen

Others may be added to this list from time to time.

2nd Choose good species & plants

- *Should be locally suited.*
- *Not too fast-growing.*
- *Pest & storm resistant.*

1st Scope the larger scene

- *What's the aim?*
- *How would it fit in with nearby landscapes?*

4th Mulch, but not too much

- *Avoid "volcanoes" around the trunk.*

3rd Plant carefully

- *Watch for underground lines.*
- *Allow plenty of space to grow, both upward & outward.*
- *Don't plant too deeply.*

5th Give tender loving care

- *Brace the trunk the first year or two.*
- *Water deeply every week first season, then as needed.*
- *Prune only sparingly, to shape well.*
- *Don't pave close to the tree.*

6th

Enjoy!

To be certain that there are no utility lines beneath where you want to plant, call **Dig Safe at 1-888-344-7233** at least business 3 days before digging. The utilities in your area will then check it out to make sure it is ok. This is a free service.

For more information

For good guidelines about tree selection, planting and care, we recommend the Newport Tree Society's www.newporttreesociety.org and also www.plantamnesty.org and www.treesaregood.com.

The Cooperative Extension Education Center at the University of Rhode Island has a gardening hotline: 1-800-448-1011. It is staffed by volunteers, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm. They can send you fact sheets that help to answer many questions about trees. Much of the same information is on the web at www.uri.edu/ce/factsheets.

The Newport Public Library has useful books on tree and shrub care, as well as underlying knowledge about plants, soils and ecology. Ask the reference librarian for help in finding them.

The Newport Tree and Parks Supervisor, Scott Warden, can be reached at 845-5802 and swheeler@cityofnewport.com. The Tree and Open Space Commission chairman, Susan Ruf, can be reached at 849-0296 and ruf@cox.net. By typing "Newport trees and parks" into the internet, you can reach the City web page that links to the Commission's meeting agendas and minutes, its information bulletin series, and the Newport street tree planting/stewardship program.