

**Dear Westwood Resident:**

A young shade tree has been planted in front of your home. With a little attention, it will grow healthy and strong.

**We suggest a few things that will aid your tree:**

- Encircle your new tree with 2 – 3” of mulch or wood chips like a large *saucer* - not a *volcano*. This keeps moisture in and prevents evaporation.
- Water your new tree twice a week with a slow soaking – 20 minutes, or so. (If you cannot water the tree please call the number below.)
- If your tree has been fitted with a tree”gator” (which is a plastic slow-release watering bag) it can be filled by inserting a garden hose into the narrow slit towards the top. (Please only lift “gator” when empty to prevent ripping.)
- Protect the bark at the base of the tree – never use an automatic weed clipping device(weed-wacker) near the tender bark of the tree.
- Call the tree committee if you have any concerns or questions (at 201-664-7100) ext 149.
- At the end of Autumn “gators” will be removed by volunteers and stored at the DPW for the winter.

**We appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you for helping to beautify and keep Westwood “green”.**