



## Tree Siting Checklist

Selecting an appropriate location for your tree is instrumental in helping your new tree grow into a healthy, mature tree. This handy checklist will help you ensure you have selected the best spot to plant your new tree!

### Spacing Requirements – Make sure your location meets or exceeds the distances below

- 2 m (6.5 ft) away from paved surfaces
- 2 m (6.5 ft) away from buildings without foundations
- 3 m (9 ft) away from buildings with foundations
- 1 (3 ft) m away from property lines and fences
- 3 m (9 ft) away from fire hydrants
- 1.2 m (4 ft) away from driveway edges
- 4 m (13 ft) away from light poles
- 1.5 m (5 ft) away from hydro boxes
- 18 m (60 ft) away from stop signs
- 8 m (25 ft) between large-growing trees (even if they are small now)
- 2 m (6.5 ft) between small-growing trees

### Other Considerations

- Check with your neighbours – if you would like to plant your tree within 8m of your neighbour's yard, it is a good idea to discuss it with them in advance as branches may eventually overhang into their yard
- Tree is being planted directly in the ground – do not plant in pots or raised beds/containers
- Call before digging! There is a chance there could be buried utility cables so make sure you call your electricity, cable, phone and gas providers to ensure you are clear to dig. Ontario One Call is a great place to start: 1-800-400-2255
- Most importantly, make sure there is enough room for the trees roots to grow! Ensuring the roots have access to water and oxygen is very important for tree health and survival. For large trees, there should be a minimum space of about 4.5 m (15 ft) x 4.5 m (15 ft) of soft ground surface.