

**City of Lexington
New Tree Maintenance Schedule**

TREE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

TASKS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	Responsible Party
Watering	Bi-weekly from May to end of September if rainfall is limited	Same as Year 1 for 2-inch caliper trees. Smaller trees: every 10 to 14 days if rainfall is limited for 21 days or more	Same as Yr 1 if 3-inch caliper trees; otherwise water only if rainfall is limited for 21 days or more	Public Works Department, City Arborist
Pruning	Remove only dead, dying, and crossing branches and multiple leaders	Same as Year 1. Begin structural pruning.	Same as Year 1. Continue structural pruning.	City Arborist, Public Works, contractor.
Mulching/ Weed Control	Chip mulch or shredded hardwood bark, 2 to 4 inches deep. Not against trunks. Control weeds as needed	Same as year 1. Supplement with shredded leaves if available.	Same as Year 1.	Public Works, City Arborist
Fertilization	None, unless soil tests recommend otherwise.	Compost, shredded leaves, or 1-2 lbs N /1000 ft. sq. root area	Same as Year 2	City Arborist, Public Works
Replacement	As necessary.	Same as Year 1	Same as Year 1.	Public Works, planting entity (non-profit) or contractor.
Inspection	At least monthly, for pests and general health	Monthly, for pests and general health	Same as Year 2.	City Arborist, contractor, or Public Works
Other	No string-trimming at trunks.	Remove guying and stakes, if any. No string-trimming at trunks.	No string-trimming at trunks.	

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