

The Tree Care Kit

A Simple Guide on How to Care for the Urban Forest





The 4 Most Common Street Trees In NYC

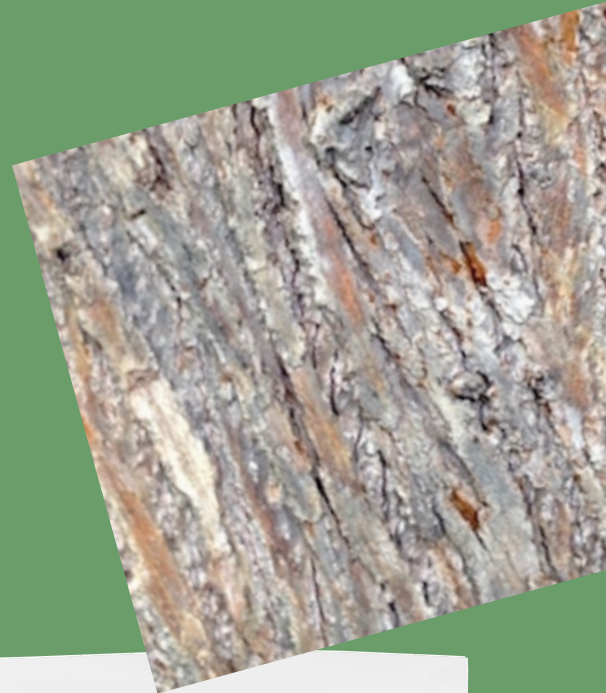
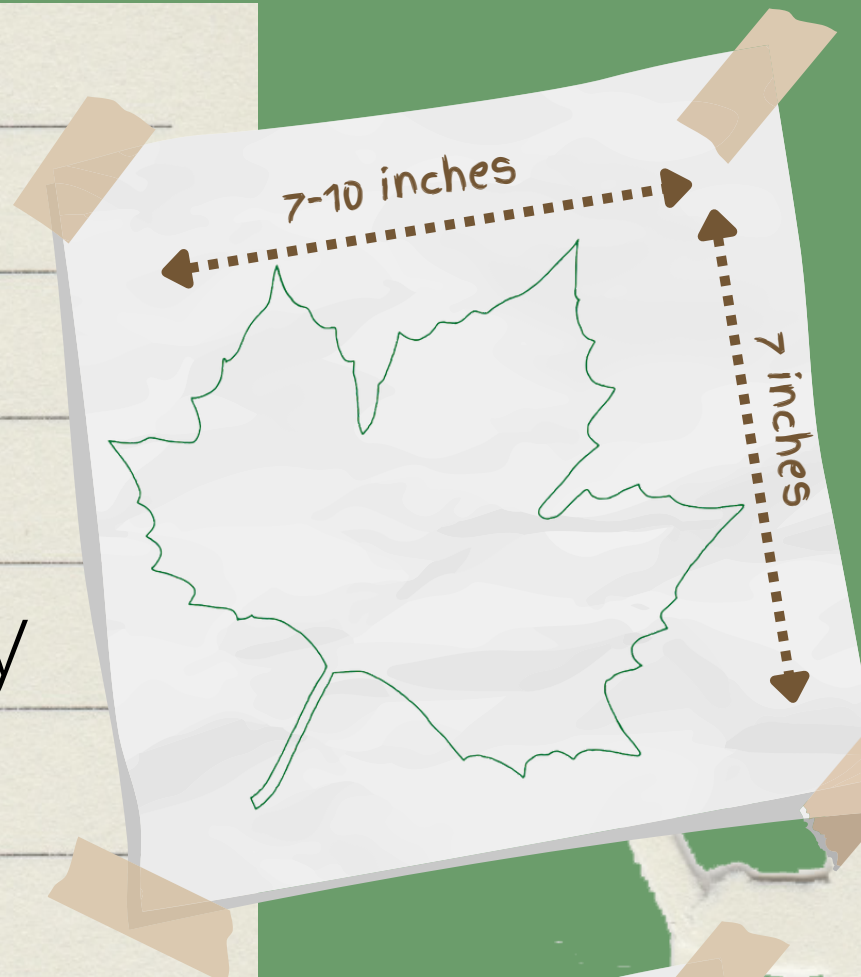
London Plane

Height: 75-100 ft

Trunk: 4-8 ft diameter

Bark: Brown/Gray, Scaly

Leaf: 3-5 lobed



Little-leaf Linden

Height: 60-130 ft

Trunk: 5 ft diameter

Bark: Brown/Gray, Rigid

Leaf: Rounded end, dark green/yellow



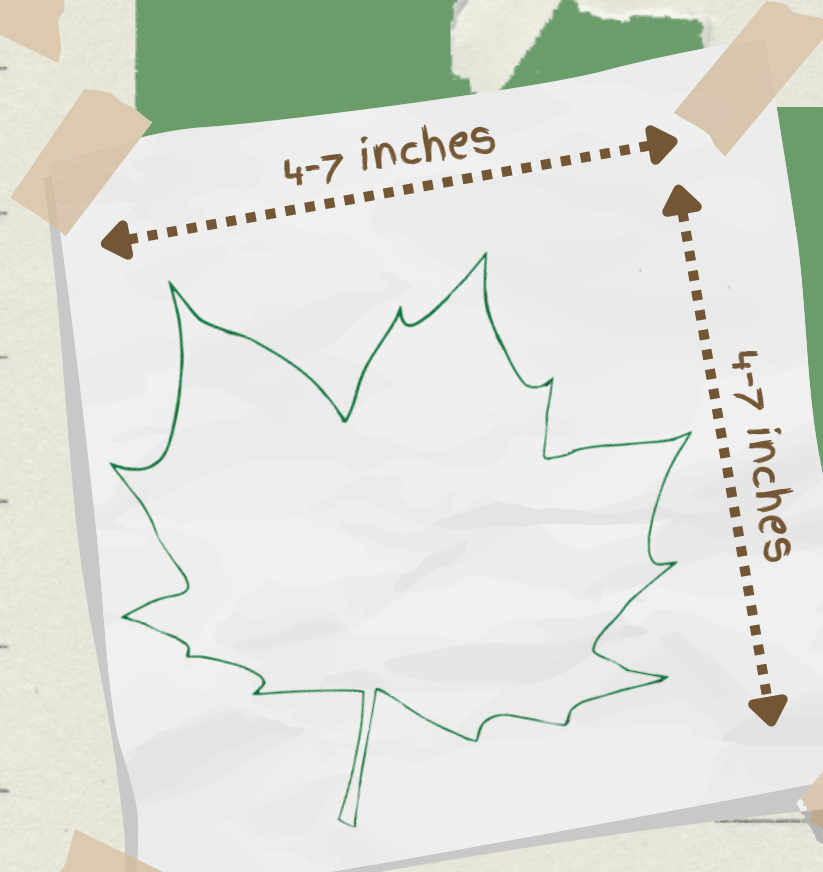
Norway Maple

Height: 40-60 ft

Trunk: 1-2 ft diameter

Bark: Brown/Olive, Thin

Leaf: Lobed with Irregular serrated margins, green



Red Maple

Height: 40-60 ft

Trunk: up to 3 ft diameter

Bark: Thin and gray bark, smooth for younger, rough and darker for older

Leaf: 3 major toothed lobes with points, green/red





How to Care for a Street Tree

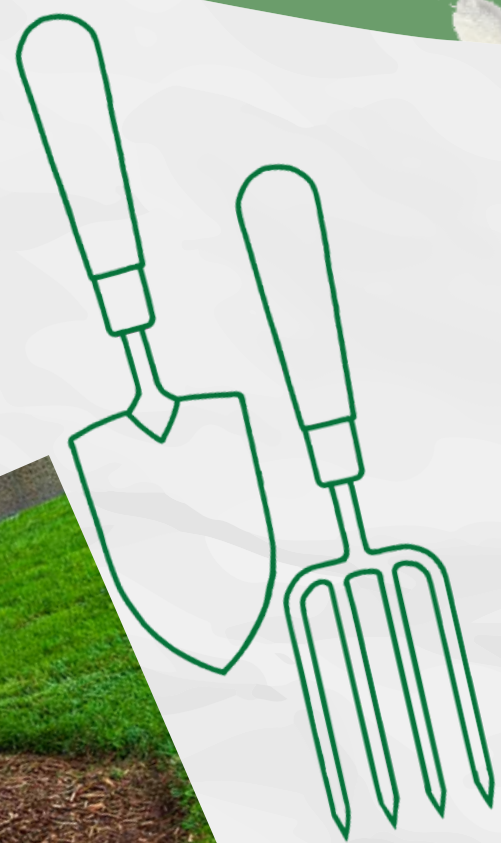
How to Clean a Tree Bed

- 1 Clearing trash creates a healthier environment for the tree while also telling people that the tree is cared for.
- 2 Remove any stakes or ties on the tree if it has been planted for over a year.
- 3 Remove any climbing vines or visible weeds from the tree, as they force the tree to compete for essential nutrients.



Caring for the Soil

Your best friends will be a trowel and gardening fork. By digging these into the hard soil and breaking up rock-like areas, you can alleviate some of the harm caused by soil compaction. You can dig around the tree root, but if you hit a root, move on! After you have depacked the soil, add mulch or wood chips, which will prevent water evaporation and suppress weed growth. Make sure to leave a few inches of space between the mulch/wood chips and the base of the tree.



What to plant

- Planting small plants and bulbs can help the tree in many ways! Bulbs, such as Daffodils and Snowdrops, will return each year, ensuring that your street tree will be beautified each spring.
- Beautifying street trees shows people that this tree is being cared for, allowing people to acknowledge the beauty that comes from a cared-for street tree!



Ox-eye Daisy



Daffodil



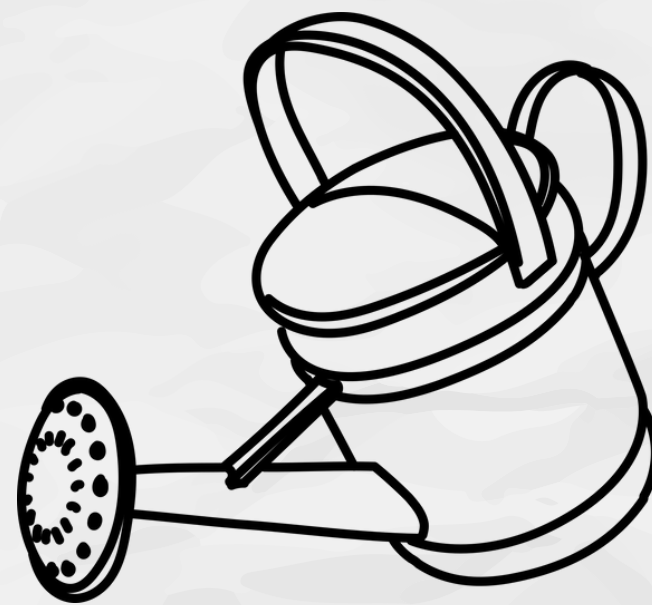
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The Do's and Dont's of Caring for a Street Tree

Legal:

- Planting flowers or other such plants in a tree bed
- Watering the tree
- Removing trash from the tree bed
- Helping resolve soil compaction
- Adding mulch



Illegal:

- Removing a tree without a permit
- Planting a tree without a permit
- Pruning a tree without a permit

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