

## Memorial Tree Maintenance

1. Maintain mulch around trees. Do **not** pile mulch against the tree trunk. Use only natural mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 4 inches deep, no more. You may mulch out to the dripline of the tree. See PSU Extension Publication: [Mulching Landscape Trees](#)
2. Keep vegetation very short or remove all vegetation within the mulch zone.
3. Do not lean bricks, stones or other objects against the trunk.
4. Do not leave any tags, wires or other material on trees
5. Generously water trees every 7 to 10 days if an unusually dry period occurs during the growing season. Do not overwater trees.
6. Prune dead or broken branches during the dormant season, preferably late winter
7. Tree tubes, wraps or guards can be used to deter deer from rubbing trees. Be careful not to damage trees with any device put on the trunk.
8. Go to the National Arbor Day Foundation for additional tree maintenance information: [Tree Planting & Care at arborday.org](http://TreePlanting&Care.arborday.org)