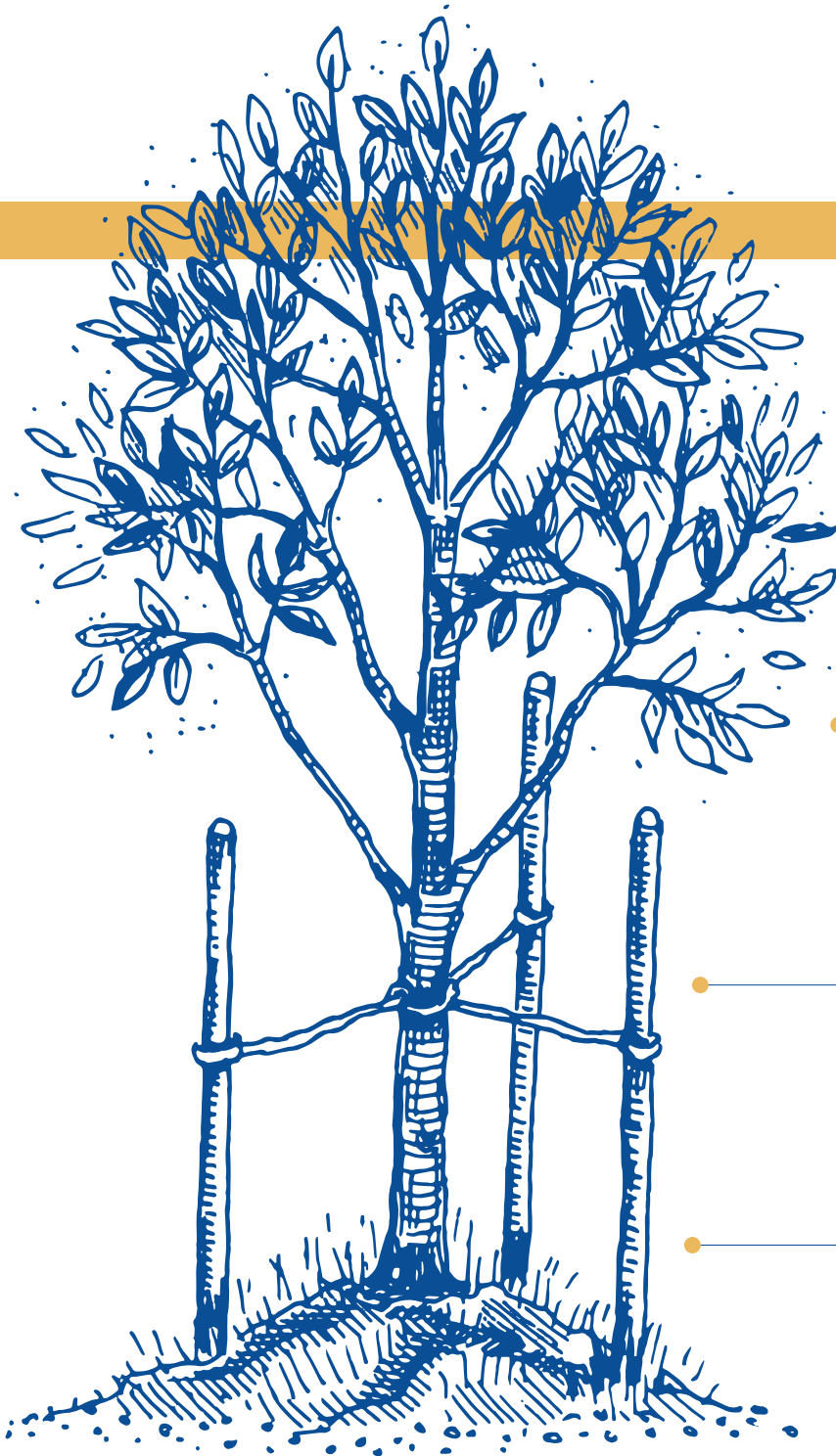


TREE STAKES

Staking your tree is beneficial when the trunk needs protection and/or support from environmental factors such as wind or hungry grazing animals. However, it's important that the tree is staked properly, as improper staking can result in further problems and cause harm to the tree's growth.

HOW TO PROPERLY STAKE A TREE



Decide how many stakes you need

Typically, three stakes, in the shape of a triangle, will be sufficient support.

18 Inches deep

Drive the stakes 18 inches into the ground about one and a half feet away from the trunk.

Tying the tree

Tie the tree using flexible material, like a cloth strap, rubber tubing or even pantyhose.

Removal

Remove the stakes after one full year.