

Arbor Day Tree Planting

won't outgrow its intended spot or set up unwanted competitive root systems.

Many gardeners look forward to the planting of flowers, perennials and small shrubs. Large shrubs and trees can be handled by the experts at H & R Lawn & Landscape. We will recommend varieties and placement for the most pleasing effect in your landscape and assure that the components necessary for survival are in place.

Desirable trees in undesirable places can be moved to a better location. A tree with a caliper of up to 4 inches can be successfully moved. A truck-mounted tree spade prepares a hole in the new location, then digs up and moves the tree to that spot. This is an option when a large tree is too close to a house or building, but will serve perfectly in another part of the yard.

Fertilization is not required immediately after planting trees. It is a good idea to allow the tree to become established before applying fertilizer. When you are ready to fertilize, the root feeder attached to your garden hose will allow water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface and reach the roots, especially important in areas with heavy clay soil. Fertilize in the fall to promote strong root development before winter.

Pruning should not be necessary immediately after planting. Prune only dead wood and to maintain the shape of the tree.

The importance of trees in the landscape cannot be overemphasized. They are the large sentinels that will determine the character and comfort of your yard for many years.

Observe National Arbor Day on April 26 and help heal the wounds of the Ice Storm.

Plant a tree – or two!

H&R Tree Farm Photos

View of the field looking toward the office. They're small now, but growing.



The "Water Wagon" dispenses a healthy drink to each newly planted pine.



Smoothing out the field after planting.

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