

# TREE CARE tips

Thank you for being part of the street tree planting program and hosting a tree in front of your place.



With your help we are planting trees in local suburbs to provide shade, cool our streets, reduce pollution and all the other benefits trees bring.

**For the new street trees to survive, we are calling on your help to care for them.**

- Apply water to the root ball at a slow flow rate. It will need at least ten litres twice weekly during the first couple of months, then drop back to weekly for another couple of months.
- Leave the collar around the tree as this protects it while you are mowing or using a whipper snipper. It's also handy as a water well to help hold and direct water where needed.
- Please do not put mown grass clippings at the base of the tree as this can lead to collar rot of the stem. We have mulched them with wood chips and can top this up.
- If needed our staff will prune trees as they grow to shape them.

**If you think your new tree needs a shape, more mulch, or some other type of help, please call 4227 7111 or email [council@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)**

**We will lodge your request and send our staff out to have a look.**