



**MATURE
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**It's no secret
that large,
mature trees
add comfort
and charm to
our lives.**

They shade our decks, lower electricity bills, increase property values, and reduce flooding risks. However, as our region continues to grow, there's more concrete and fewer trees and green space. As a home owner, *you* can help preserve the unique character that makes our region such a desirable place to live.

In just a few simple steps you can keep your large trees healthy and strong, and enjoy the benefits that *only* mature trees can offer. Learn how on the reverse side.



Keep your gentle giants healthy and beneficial.

As trees age, a branch here or there may need to be pruned or removed to keep the tree healthy and strong. But, just because a branch or limb might have gone bad, that doesn't mean the whole tree should be removed. Just because you have a cut on your finger, that doesn't mean the whole arm needs to be amputated!

Follow these simple steps, as recommended by arborists and tree stewards:

1. Remove ivy from your tree.
2. Large trees don't need mulch. If you do mulch, keep mulch 3-inches from the tree trunk and never more than 3-inches thick.
3. Construction is one of the biggest threats to mature trees. If you are considering construction anywhere in your yard, contact a certified arborist first so you can avoid damage to tree roots.



You wouldn't let just anyone take care of your pets, and you shouldn't let just anyone take care of your trees. A certified arborist can provide reliable, clear information and directions for keeping your trees healthy for years to come.

To find a certified arborist, visit goodtreecare.com



For additional information on caring for mature trees visit TreeStewards.org

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Planting new trees is great, yet when it comes to maximizing the incredible benefits of trees, nothing beats caring for existing mature trees.

According to the US Forest Service, trees properly placed around your home can reduce your air conditioning needs by 30% and save 20% to 50% in heating costs. The US Department of Energy says three properly placed trees could save you \$100 to \$250 a year.

Money may not grow on trees, but it certainly grows with them! 98% of realtors report that mature trees affect the sale of homes. Depending on your market, mature trees can account for as much as 10% of your assessed property value, according to the US Forest Service. Cutting down a mature tree wastes the equity you've accrued by having it.