



New Home Construction Tree and Shrub Care

Caring for trees, shrubs, and plants involves several key practices to ensure their health, growth, and aesthetics. Here's a general guide for their care and maintenance:

1. Watering

- Water newly planted trees, shrubs, and bushes regularly, especially during the first growing season to help establish their root systems.
- Mature trees and shrubs usually require watering during dry periods. Water deeply, but infrequently, to encourage deep root growth.
- Avoid over-watering, as it can lead to root rot and other issues.

2. Mulching

- Apply a layer of organic mulch around the base of trees, shrubs, and bushes to help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature.
- Maintain a layer of mulch about 2-4 inches deep but keep it a few inches away from the trunk or stems to prevent rot.

3. Pruning

- Prune trees, shrubs, and bushes regularly to remove dead, diseased, or damaged branches.
- Prune for shape and structure to encourage healthy growth and maintain desired appearance.

4. Fertilizing

- Use a balanced fertilizer designed for trees, shrubs, or bushes.
- Apply fertilizer in early spring before new growth begins, and again in late fall to promote root growth and overall health.

5. Pest and Disease Control

- Monitor trees, shrubs, and bushes for signs of pests and diseases such as leaf discoloration or wilting.
- Use environmentally friendly methods whenever possible, such as organic sprays, to control pests.
- Prune out affected areas promptly to prevent the spread of diseases.

6. Protection from Elements

- Protect young or delicate plants from extreme weather conditions such as strong winds, heavy snow, or frost by providing temporary coverings or windbreaks.
- Consider using burlap to shield plants from harsh winter conditions.