**Sample #06 - Flyer to Tree Host with Tips**

Greetings Tree Host,

Thank you for volunteering to give one or more trees a new home. We hope you enjoy your

new tree(s) for years to come! In order to help ensure you get to do that, here are some tips

for making sure your tree(s) gets off to the right start:

1. When planted, your tree should be properly positioned and mulched (see diagram on the back of this page). The top of the roof ball should be at or slightly above the grade, so don’t bury the root ball.
2. You will need to deeply water the tree on planting day (about 20-30 minutes on a slow flow).
3. After that, water the trees deeply once or twice per week during the months of April through October, and biweekly during the months of November through March until the trees are established (about 2 years). Adjust your water schedule if Mother Nature helps you water.
4. As a general guideline, new trees will need about 30-40 gallons of water per week (April - October); this however should be administered through no more than 2 watering sessions per week. The soil and roots need time to dry between watering sessions.
5. Mulch the trees with a two-inch layer every spring and fall thereafter for the duration of the maintenance period (at least 2 years), but make sure to keep the mulch away from the trunk of the tree to avoid trunk rot, disease and pests.
6. Provide a bark guard around each tree trunk at time of planting and leave on for the two year period.
7. New trees do not need fertilizer for the first season. Fertilizing can cause additional stress on the trees.

If you think your tree is in trouble or you have questions, please contact: Phil Erwin (214)

948-4465, the City of Dallas Arborist for our district.