



TREE PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Within two weeks of planting, Howard County will deliver markers (such as flags or stakes) to your property. These markers can be labeled with the species of trees in your order for you to place in the ground exactly where you would like each tree to be placed. Alternately, they can be left blank and used to mark the boundaries of your planting. Miss Utility will be called to mark utilities on your property and will use these flags as reference. If a flag or planting area coincides with an underground utility that area will not be planted and trees will be moved to the closest safe spot.

Guidelines for placing your trees/markers:

- Trees should be planted according to their size at maturity, not their size at the time of planting.
- For successful growth, trees must be planted in an area with adequate sunlight and moisture needs for that species.
- Place trees no closer than 12 feet apart.
- Trees should not be closer than 10-15 feet from your house or driveway.
- Trees cannot be planted within 10 feet of a sewer or water line. (Look for public manhole covers or in your yard/driveway there will be a smaller cover that shows the path of your private hookup. Generally, this leads in a straight line from the sewer, to your individual hookup and then to your house.)
- Trees may not be planted in utility rights-of-way such as, but not limited to, water, sewer, natural gas, or oil pipelines. (Miss Utility will be called to check for these.)
- Trees over 25 feet tall may not be planted within 20 feet of an overhead utility line, trees over 40 feet tall cannot be planted within 45 feet of an overhead utility line.
- Please be careful that trees are not placed in an area with a private underground utility, such as an invisible dog fence, as Miss Utility cannot identify such private utilities. (Howard County is not responsible if a private utility is hit.)

If the planting location conflicts with an underground utility as marked by Miss Utility, please move your marker to the closest safe location, at least 18 inches from the marked line. If our contractors do not deem an area safe due to proximity to a marked underground utility or otherwise they will plant as close as possible to the existing marker.