



**"A PLACE TO PLAY WITH SHADE
TO SHARE, WITH BIRDS AND
BEES AND FRESH CLEAN AIR**

**SPRINKLE, SPRINKLE LITTLE
TREE, I HOPE THAT YOU'LL
GROW UP WITH ME"**

MORE INFO:



WHAT IS ARBOR DAY?

Arbor Day began on April 10th, 1872 in Nebraska, and was officially recognized in 1874. The first Arbor Day in the City of Edmonton was recognized in 1893. In the early 1950's the City of Edmonton began a tradition of distributing evergreen seedlings to all Grade 1 students. Soon the Province of Alberta began providing seedlings to all Grade 1 students in the entire province and the tradition continues today. Students plant their seedlings and celebrate the great gifts trees provide. Edmonton's Arbor Day is celebrated each year on the Friday prior to May 10. Thank you for participating in planting a seedling, watching it grow and celebrating the many gifts that trees provide!

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ARBOR DAY 2025

*Growing a greener future,
Together!*



WHERE TO PLANT?

You are encouraged to plant your Arbor Day tree in your own yard and watch it grow throughout the years! To ensure your tree has the best care, please remember to water your tree, and protect it from mowing or from being nibbled by local animals. Planting near your home can have many benefits such as energy savings and added property value. When deciding where to plant in your yard, consider the following:

- **Underground Utilities:** Remember to call Alberta One Call by phone at 1-800-242-3447 before you dig to check for underground utilities.
- **Spacing:** Consider the eventual height and canopy spread of your tree - will it collide with anything overhead or around it? Maintain 5m from any buildings and permanent structures.
- **Right Tree in the Right Place:** Evergreen trees placed to the north/or west can shield your home from cold winter winds as they hold on to their needles year round. They can protect your home most effectively when planted in a row.
- **Soil, Sun and Moisture:** Requirements will vary depending on species. See tree species information.



STEP 1.

Call: Contact Alberta One Call before digging to prevent any possible risks of contacting hidden utilities underground.

Pick a spot: Look above and around the site to make sure there are no obstructions. Aim to allow your plant plenty of space to grow tall and wide. Ensure 1m clearance from other plants and 5m from permanent structures



STEP 3.

Dig a hole: Using a shovel, dig a hole that will be 2.5cm wider than the root ball, and deep enough (~8cm) to ensure the base of the stem is level with the ground.

Identify the Root Flare: Where the trunk expands at the base of the tree. This should be at ground level.



STEP 5.

Root massage: Break apart the root ball by gently rubbing fingers into the base of the root ball to separate and guide the roots downwards.

Pack it in: Place your plant to one side of the hole and begin filling with soil. Work in layers, packing the soil in tightly with your fingers. Avoid leaving any gaps in the soil to reduce the chance of frost heave over winter. Once filled, use your foot to step carefully around the plant to complete packing. Do not add anything to the hole for drainage (e.g. rocks).



STEP 7.

Water: water your seedling throughout the summer and into the fall until the ground is frozen. Keep the soil moist but do not overwater by ensuring the seedling receives water at least once a week.

HOW TO PLANT

STEP 2.



STEP 4.



STEP 6.

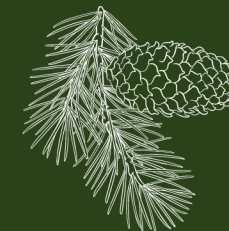


TREE SPECIES



White Spruce - *Picea glauca*

Size: Grows up to 20-25 metres tall
Lifespan: up to 100 years
Prefers full sun and moist, well drained soil conditions
Short, stiff needles and evenly spaced branches



Lodgepole Pine - *Pinus Contorta*

Size: Approximately 30 metres tall
Lifespan: up to 200 years
Prefers full sun to partial shade and loamy, well-drained soil conditions
Twisted, stiff needles that appear in groups of two