



# Spring

**The season to spruce up your tree**  
**MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

- Remove weeds and add mulch. Make sure the mulch is 4 feet in diameter around your tree, 4 inches away from the trunk, and 6 inches deep.
- Check the stakes and ties. If your tree can stand on its own, remove them. If they are still needed, be sure the stakes are firmly in the ground and placed away from the trunk. Make sure the ties are wrapped loosely around the tree and tied firmly to the stake to allow the tree to move.
- Avoid pruning when new buds are coming out. It is best to prune in the winter months.
- Check for problems with your tree, such as yellow or spotted leaves, pests, or other diseases. Consult your local nursery or find a certified arborist at [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org) for help with any problems you may find.
- Start watering your tree when the soil feels dry and crumbly 8 to 12 inches below the surface. Water deeply once a week.
- Early spring is a good time to plant new trees. Be sure the soil isn't too wet. It should feel slightly crumbly without excess moisture when you squeeze it.





These tips will help you care for your trees in their first three years of life. For more information, visit [www.sactree.com](http://www.sactree.com) or call (916) 924-TREE (8733).