



## Supporting Your Young Tree

### **Staking and tying**

- After planting your tree, remove the nursery stake, which is the thin pole tied to the tree.
- If the tree cannot stand upright by itself, support it by placing two stakes at least 18 inches from both sides of the trunk. Locate where the trunk bends, place one tie around the trunk, bring the tie back toward the stake and cross the tie to form a figure eight, and then secure the tie to the stake. Repeat on the other side at the same level.
- Cut off the stakes 2 inches above the ties to avoid damaging the tree.
- Check the ties monthly. Remove the stakes and ties as soon as the tree is able to stand upright on its own—usually within 6 months to a year. Staking too long slows tree growth.





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).

