

Protect Your Tree Seedlings!



Your young tree will be big and strong someday, but while it's just a seedling, be sure to protect it from deer, rabbits (and any tumbling child, kickball, etc).

Very inexpensively, obtain:

- a 3-foot high chicken wire from any garden center
- three twist-ties
- a stake.

Affix the wire to the stake around your baby tree, as shown above. Make the fence flush with the ground.

As time goes on:

- Gently guide the tree's young branches to grow above the fence
- Water moderately around the fence every few days during dry periods
- Do not soak the young trunk or pile any woodchips against it.

Now your young tree is free to thrive until it's big and strong enough to make it on its own!

Questions? Contact Chatham Township's Environmental Commission <http://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/how-to-contact-us> or Open Space Committee member Joe Basralian (917) 596-7807