



# FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

**Monday, May 19, 2025**

**10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
*(or until trees are gone)*

**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal  
College Parking Lot**  
*5805 E. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant Mich.*

**For more information, please contact:**  
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## Benefits:

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## AT SAGANING

### Tuesday, May 20, 2025

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
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**Saganing Tribal Center Parking Lot**  
5447 Sturman Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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As a community, we can work together to improve our Tribal land and water health by providing habitat for wildlife while promoting community involvement and environmental awareness. Planting trees contribute to urban cooling (provides shade and reduces energy demands), boosts property values, reduces soil erosion, removes harmful pollutants from the air and watershed which in turn helps keep our drinking water clean, and trees can reduce flooding and decrease the impacts of runoff and pollution. Native species are especially important near waterways because they can act as a buffer or filter to block contaminants from entering waterways. Help support local water quality by planting native species in your backyard today!

## Quick Tips

-  **Dig a shallow, broad planting hole**
-  **Straighten the tree in the hole**
-  **Fill the hole gently but firmly**
-  **Stake the tree, if necessary for support**
-  **Mulch the base of the tree**
-  **Provide follow-up care**

<https://www.arborday.org/trees/planting/bare-root.cfm>



**Questions, please contact  
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# Tree Identification

## Eastern Redbud

- **Full grown height:**  
25 to 35 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full sun to partial shade
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Moist, nutrient rich soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Mskowaabgomish

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/cercis-canadensis/>



## Sugar Maple

- **Full grown height:**  
75 to 100 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full shade
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Moist, rich soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Aninaatig

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/acer-saccharum/>



## Sycamore

- **Full grown height:**  
Up to 120 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full sun
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Wet, nutrient rich soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Zhawemish

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/platanus-occidentalis/>



## Tuliptree

- **Full grown height:**  
Up to 120 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full sun
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Moist, nutrient rich soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Waabshki-zad

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/liriodendron-tulipifera/>



## Boxelder

- **Full grown height:**  
80 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full sun or partial shade
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Acidic, moist, well-drained soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Adjagobimak

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/acer-negundo/>



## White Paper Birch

- **Full grown height:**  
80 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full sun or partial shade
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Acidic, moist, well-drained soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Wiigwas

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/betula-papyrifera/>



## Red Oak

- **Full grown height:**  
80 feet
- **Sun preference:**  
Full sun or partial shade
- **Soil/water requirements:**  
Acidic, moist, well-drained soils
- **Anishinaabemowin:**  
Mashkode-miizhimizh

Reference: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/quercus-rubra/>





# Tree Planting and Care Tips

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## Planting

- The best seasons to plant a tree are spring and fall.
- Call 811 before digging to have utility lines located and marked. Avoid planting under power lines.
- Dig a saucer-shaped hole as deep as the tree's root ball and three times as wide.
- Break up the sides of the hole so the roots can grow through.
- Set the root ball in the center of the hole, root flare level with the top of the hole or slightly above.
- Cut away any burlap/wrapping. Remove non-biodegradable materials like plastic pots or ties.
- Gently fill the hole with soil and use water to settle it and remove air pockets.
- Add a 3-4" layer of mulch, leaving a 6" bare circle around the trunk to prevent trunk decay.

## Care and maintenance

### Pruning

- Prune away any dead or broken branches with clean, sharp pruning shears.
- Do not prune healthy branch tips or the tallest, center part of the tree.
- Clip any small twigs, called suckers, growing from the base of the tree.

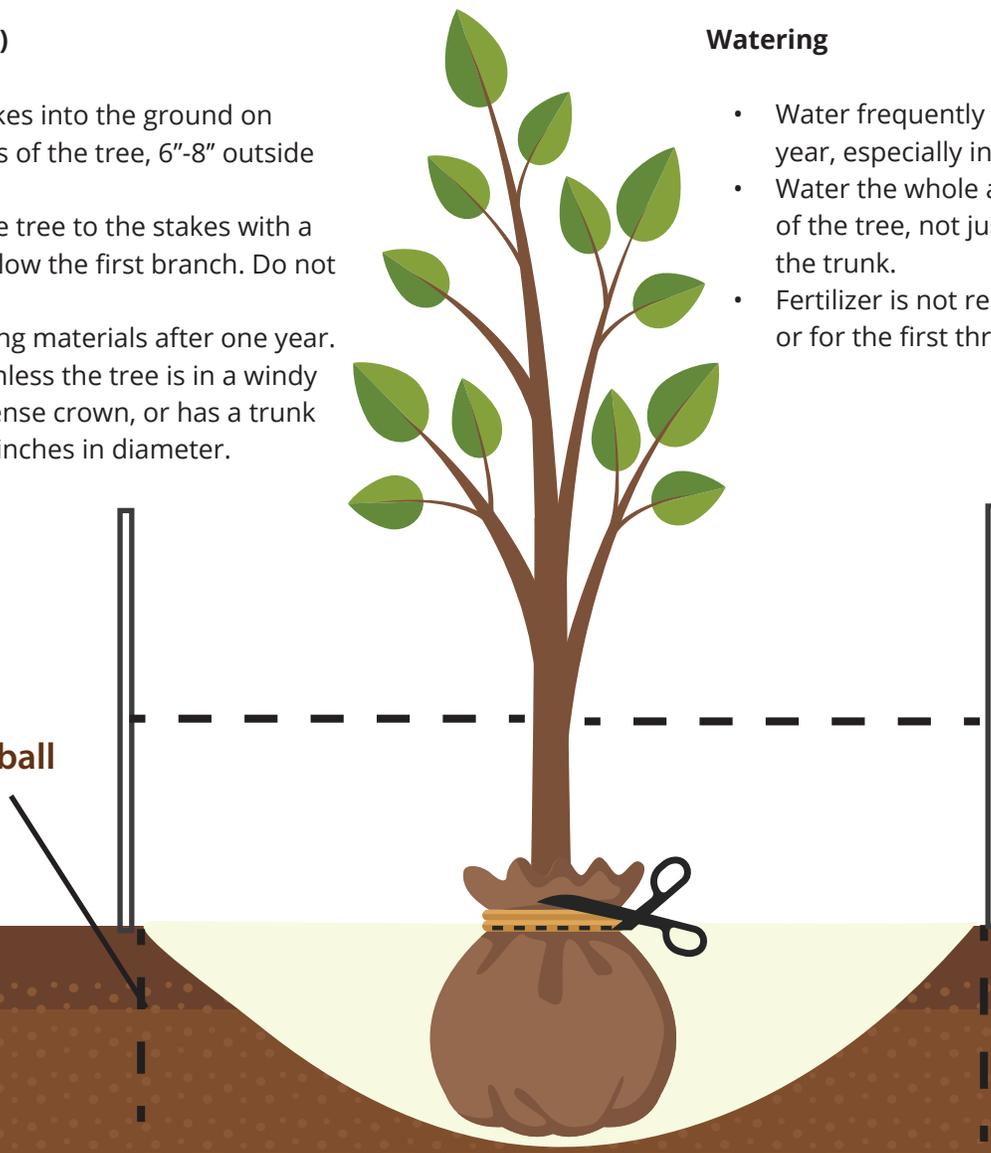
### Staking (optional)

- Drive two stakes into the ground on opposite sides of the tree, 6"-8" outside the root ball.
- Loosely tie the tree to the stakes with a wide strap below the first branch. Do not use wire.
- Remove staking materials after one year.
- Don't stake unless the tree is in a windy area, has a dense crown, or has a trunk larger than 3 inches in diameter.

### Watering

- Water frequently and deeply in the first year, especially in hot, dry weather.
- Water the whole area under the canopy of the tree, not just at the base of the trunk.
- Fertilizer is not recommended at planting or for the first three years.

Hole depth =  
Height of root ball



Hole width = 3 times the size of root ball

