



# GARDENING BY THE MOON

SEPTEMBER 2025



## Fall Landscape Maintenance

- Remove weeds from beds & tree rings
- Control weeds in turf & aerate turf
- For weed control, apply pre-emergent weed control to beds and turf between September 15th to October 15th-use *Preen* or *Halts*
- Remove dead branches and dead plants from beds
- Prepare soil to plant fall or winter color
- Install new fall plantings
- Fertilize turf and beds-use a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer that has a high first number on the bag
- Add mulch to tree rings and beds-no more than 2 inches\*\*
- Monitor watering- set irrigation to run one time per week, depending on the heat and if you receive rain- follow city watering guidelines
- Monitor for insects & diseases- NEEM OIL is safe and effective for most things

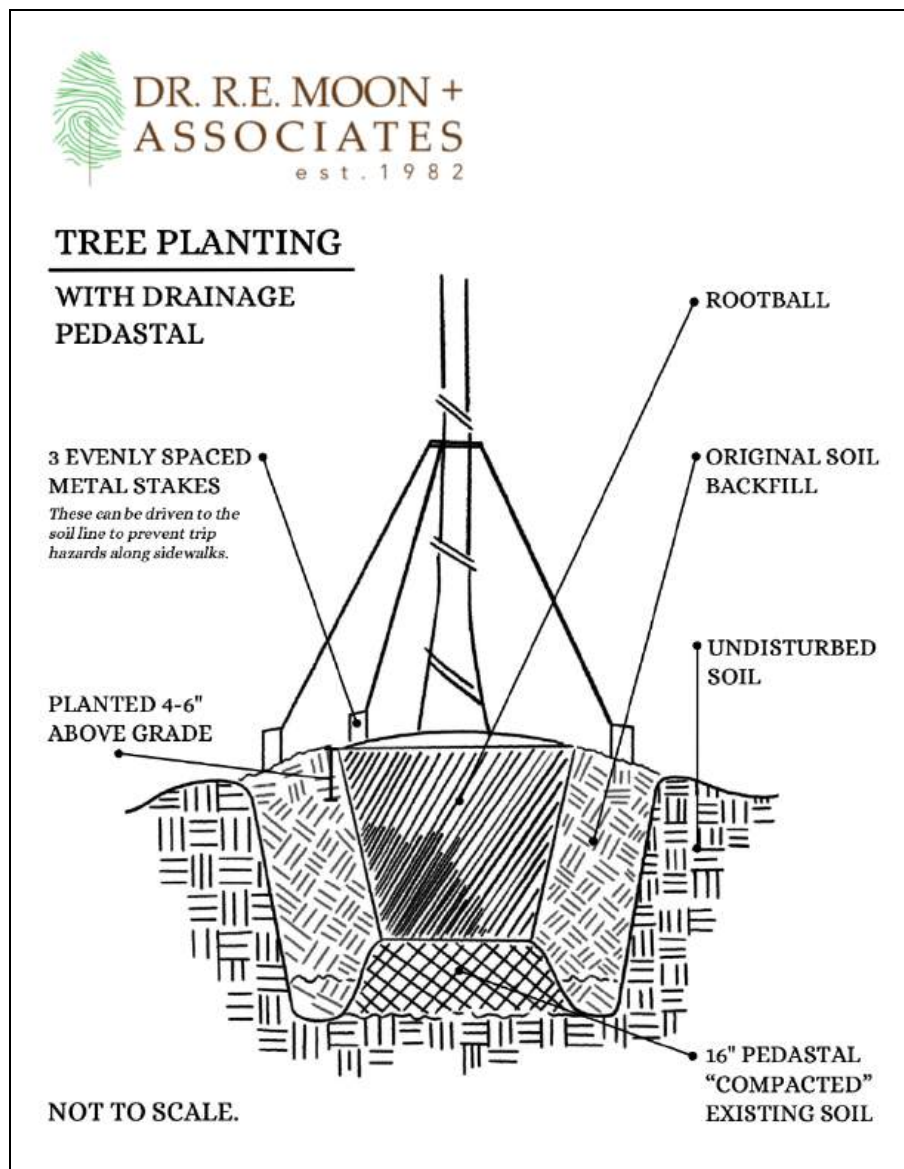
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## DEAD TREE REPLACEMENT

If you have a dead tree that needs replacing, October and November are the best months to plant a new one. Start planning now and choose a high-quality tree,

ensuring you follow proper planting procedures. Hiring a professional to supply and install your new tree might be the best choice. Water the tree thoroughly after planting, about once or twice a week, but avoid overwatering.

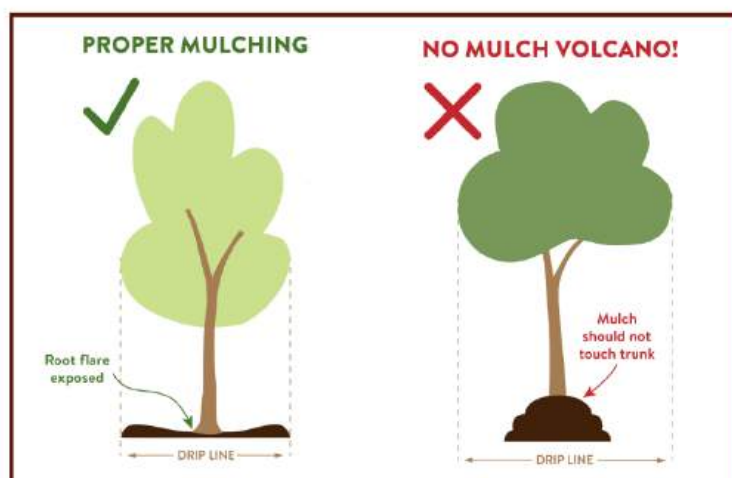


Next, fertilize your tree after planting to prepare it for the winter ahead. A good option is *Bio-Advanced Tree & Shrub*, which also includes a systemic insecticide to protect against borers.



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Finally, apply HOA-approved double- or triple-ground mulch and spread it to a depth of 2 inches. After mulching, pull it back 6 inches from around the trunks. This helps retain moisture over the winter and prevents other plants from competing for the fertilizer meant for the tree. Do not build a mulch volcano around the tree!



## FALL FLOWER CORNER

### *Marigolds*



- Available in a variety of fall-friendly colors —orange, red, maroon, yellow, or mixed.
- Easy to grow and grow quickly, making them great for children or gardening beginners.
- Require full sun throughout the day to produce blooms all season long.
- Three common types are French, African, and Signet.
- Naturally repel pests such as rabbits, as they find the odor offensive.
- Typically associated with autumn, they do not thrive in cold weather, so plant now.



*September*  
**LANDSCAPE  
MAINTENANCE**

- Set irrigation system to recommended settings
- Fertilize turf and beds
- Apply pre-emergent to turf and beds
- Plant fall color!

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