



Your Ornamental Tree

Congratulations

As one of the successful applicants for a free ornamental tree, this leaflet provides you with some tips on how to plant and look after it so you enjoy watching it grow for many years to come.



Planting

- The tree needs to be planted as soon as possible.
- Please keep the roots covered until ready to plant.
- Choose a sunny, sheltered site with well-drained soil.
- The planting hole should be large enough to contain all the roots with the surrounding ground broken up to allow the roots to establish.
- Incorporate a small amount of general fertiliser e.g. Growmore into the planting hole together with organic material or compost.
- Plant the tree with all roots covered, carefully backfilling placing the soil between the roots. Firm the soil gently by stepping on it.
- Support the tree with a stake and tie until well established.

Aftercare

- Water the tree regularly from March onwards. The tree will need more water during dry spells. Continue to do this until the tree is well established.
- Fertilising - Top-dress in late winter with proprietary general fertiliser.
- Weeding - Keep a vegetation-free circle around the tree to avoid competition for water from weeds, lawns and other plants.
- Mulch: After feeding, apply a layer of mulch around the tree in late winter. This will help to conserve moisture and suppress weeds.
- Pruning – minimal pruning and maintenance required, prune in autumn/winter if needed. Prunus are best pruned from April to July.



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Your tree will be one of the 5 varieties shown below. It will have a label on it to confirm which one it is.



Prunus serrula (Tibetan cherry)

Prunus serrula is a round-headed small deciduous tree, with shining coppery-brown young bark. Narrow leaves turn yellow in autumn. Flowers 2cm in width, white, in small clusters. Grow in moderately fertile soil in full sun.

Prunus 'Spire' (Cherry 'Spire')

'Spire' is a small deciduous tree with a compact, upright habit. Bronze young leaves turn orange and red in autumn. Single light pink flowers 3cm in width. Grow in moderately fertile soil in full sun.

Betula utilis jacquemontii 'Snow Queen'

Betula utilis 'Snow Queen' offers real winter wow factor with its snowy white, exfoliating bark. Medium sized, ovate mid-green foliage is accompanied by yellow/brown catkins in spring. It is favoured for its slender form suited to smaller gardens and the white bark developing earlier than other Himalayan Birch. A tough tree that can grow in virtually all soils and conditions.



Prunus 'Spring Glow' (Japanese Flowering Cherry)

A beautiful small tree of compact growth with large semi-double pink flowers in March-April.

The leaves appear after the blossom, and have an attractive copper red colour. They remain this colour until the autumn.

Crataegus laevigata 'Plena' (Hawthorn 'Plena')

'Plena' is a rounded, deciduous tree reaching a height of 8m. The oval green leaves are shallowly-lobed, up to 5cm long and turn yellow-red in autumn. It also produces double white flowers in late spring, followed by red berries in autumn. Grows well in most soils in sun or partial shade.

We would love to see photos of your tree either when planted or next summer as it starts to grow. Please email your photos and stories to env@broxtowe.gov.uk

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| Any paper items | Any card items (except pizza/takeaway boxes) | Any plastic bottles (without lids), any yoghurt pots, any Margarine & butter tubs | Any food tins, drink cans & empty aerosols |

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Garden Waste Recycling

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