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TODD CREEK VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT Smart Water Home



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Don't be left out - we need your email address! Our newsletter will soon be going paperless via monthly emails, so please be sure we have yours. Stay informed with valuable information on community news through this newsletter and updated website! Thank you!!

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How Much do Trees Add to Property Values?

According to realtors and the International Society of Arboriculture, healthy trees contribute to a home's value by 10-20%. That adds up to tens of thousands of dollars when you sell your home or apply for a home equity loan. "Watering is not an issue here with our dual-pipe irrigation system, so planning and planting trees properly will be very beneficial to our community and to the property value of each homeowner," says Jim Worley, District Manager. He added, "David lives right here in Thornton, he knows the area and we are thrilled to have him come and share his knowledge, at no charge to our residents."

Meanwhile, some tips to keep your existing trees healthy!

Tree Care Checklist

The mulch you spread at planting will eventually decompose, so add more from time to time to maintain a constant thickness of three inches.

Newly planted trees need three inches of water per week during their first growing season - supplement rain with water.

Prune deciduous trees in winter after the leaves have fallen - you will be able to see the shape and branching patterns better.

Spray ant desiccants such as Wilt-Proof on evergreen trees to prevent moisture loss from winds and sun exposure.

Keep a sharp eye out for leaves chewed on the outside edges or holes in the middle - sure signs of pests.

Pay Your Bill Online or By Credit Card



The District is looking into additional payment options for your convenience. Please stay tuned for electronic account payment signup!

2007 CCR and Water Testing Results



The 2007 CCR (consumer confidence report) and water testing results will be posted online and mailed to each resident on or around July 1st, 2008.

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Tree Care (cont.)

If you see surface roots emanating from your tree, cover them with no more than two inches of topsoil mixed with peat moss or sand, or plant a ground cover to hide the roots.

Problems You Can Easily Avoid:

- Don't backfill tree planting holes with poor quality soil. Backfill the pit with the hole's original soil or mix it with loose topsoil and discard any rocks or debris. Make sure to take away the displaced soil instead of piling it around the tree.
- Don't leave packing material attached to roots. Remove the tree from its container and remove wire baskets, burlap (at least on the sides) and twine from the root ball.
- Don't girdle your tree - this can kill it. Girdling is any activity that injures the bark of a tree. This is often caused by using lawnmowers and weed trimmers too close to tree trunks.
- Don't smother your landscaping. Give it room to grow. Plant in areas at least five to eight feet wide and place everything with centers three or more feet from the walls of the house.

How Trees Help Us

Using energy at home and burning fuel in our vehicles causes carbon dioxide - CO² - to enter the atmosphere. Trees are "sponges" for CO² and help reduce many pollutants in the atmosphere.

Trees also hold the soil in place and prevent flooding by absorbing water. They shade our homes, causing us to use less energy. For all they give us, let's give them the right care.



When an electric appliance is plugged in, electricity flows in from a power plant.



The power plant burns fuel to provide the electricity. The burning fuel emits carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the air.



Trees filter the carbon dioxide out of the air and store the carbon (C). The tree then releases the oxygen (O₂) into the air.



The air has been cleansed of toxic carbon and replenished with oxygen that we can breathe.

Hope to see you at the FREE Tree Care Workshop, July 19th!

FREE Workshop! Increase Your Property Value: The Beauty and Benefit of Having Healthy Trees!

Too many avoidable mistakes can cause loss of valuable trees. Incorrect pruning - not knowing how to look for insects and treat pests properly - over or underwatering - these are all things you will learn about when you come to our first community workshop.

SATURDAY, July 19th from 9:30am-10:30am in the Heritage Todd Creek Golf Club, residents are invited to learn about proper tree care for our area. David Rhine, a certified arborist with Swingle Tree, lives in Thornton, and will give us the benefit of his many years of expertise on the care, planting, pruning and maintenance of trees, which are not only a valuable investment, but provide lifelong benefits and family memories. You will also have a chance to win a free Rose of Sharon shrub!

Fortunately, with the larger home lots and dual water pipe irrigation system, our community is on its way to becoming one of Adams County's most prized neighborhoods. So plant a tree or two or three, and add to the beauty of your home!

The workshop will be held in the restaurant. Space is limited to 40 people. Only 12 spots left.