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Dear Neighbor:

Several owners of densely wooded vacant lots have consented to the removal of young Norway Maple trees from their properties for transplanting in our community. The Garden Club is arranging to remove these trees and deliver them to those of you who are interested however, you will have to replant and take care of these trees yourselves. The operator of a local tree nursery advises that the Norway Maple is a desirable, slow growing, disease resistant tree, and that they can be successfully transplanted with bare roots after the leaves have fallen. Several hundred trees ranging from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter and 6' to 15' tall have been tagged.

Depending upon the number of trees requested, we will begin distributing the larger trees first, and to those who request fewer trees. If the demand for trees is great and you request quite a few, you may receive smaller trees.

Complete instructions and some suggestions regarding the replanting and care of the trees will be forwarded to those of you who express an interest in this program. Briefly, the hole required will range from approximately 15" x 15" to 24" x 24", and trees will be delivered only to locations having existing holes and with someone present to replant the tree. The bare root tree must be replanted immediately.

Please write or call Rita Rak (36 Crescent Drive; 566-8771) and notify her regarding the quantity of trees desired. Request additional trees if you live near an easment that is lacking them and you are willing to plant and take care of these trees.

This project will be started when the leaves have fallen and the weather and ground conditions are favorable, perhaps during the early part of November. You will be notified in advance.

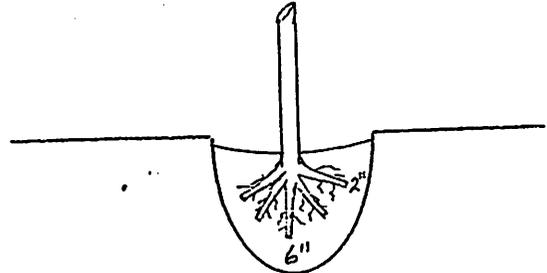
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## Replanting And Care Of Norway Maple Trees

In order to facilitate the removal and transfer of the trees from their original location a minimum amount of soil will be taken with the roots. This will not jeopardize the success of the transplant because the trees are dormant at this time of the year but the roots must not be allowed to dry. The roots should be kept moist if the trees cannot be replanted immediately.

As you all know, the soil in this area leaves a lot to be desired and it is hoped that we will be in a position to give you some peat moss when we deliver the trees. It should be mixed with the soil which you dug from the hole. This will improve the moisture holding capacity of the soil as well as reduce its compactibility.

The hole should be dug so that it extends approximately 2" beyond the tips of the roots around the circumference, and 6" below the bottom roots. It is desirable to recess the original ground level line about 2" so that water will be retained in the depression surrounding the tree.



To replant the tree, support it at the proper level and replace the soil-peat moss mixture. After most of the soil is replaced, soak it thoroughly and align the tree. Then add more soil until a depression of about 1" exists. The following day the ground surrounding the tree should be soaked very thoroughly by allowing your garden hose to run at a low flow rate for a good length of time. This should be adequate watering until next spring when the ground begins to dry. At this time the tree should be watered approximately weekly, depending upon the temperature and the amount of rain fall. By next fall the tree should be on its own. If the tree is over ten feet tall and/or is in a strong wind area, it should probably be staked with a pipe or 2 x 2 board during the first year.

It is generally recommended that branches be cut back during transplanting in order to compensate for the loss of roots. The men removing and delivering the trees will do this to a certain extent and it will not be necessary for you to remove additional branches unless you feel that it will improve the symmetry of the tree. If you want your tree to grow tall, the lower branches should be pruned when the tree is dormant. If you want a fuller tree, the tips of the branches should be clipped. Bear in mind that the height of a branch at the trunk does not increase as the tree ages.

During the first year or two the growth will be minimal as a result of the transplanting. Commercial fertilizers can be used next year to help the growth of the tree but care should be taken not to exceed the recommended dosage.

We hope to deliver your trees on November \_\_\_\_\_. Our records indicated that you requested \_\_\_\_\_ trees. If you require additional information, please call Stan Rak at 566-8771.

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