



P.O. Box 1833, Vero Beach, FL 32961-1833

772-567-3520 - piaudubon@yahoo.com - www.PelicanIslandAudubon.org

Trees 4 Life IRC Pledge

I have received a free **Live Oak Tree** and I promise to:

- Plant it, care for it, and water according to instructions provided below.
- Allow PIAS to GPS the site of each tree received on our Indian River County map.

Name (Applicant)

Signature

Date

Address where tree is planted

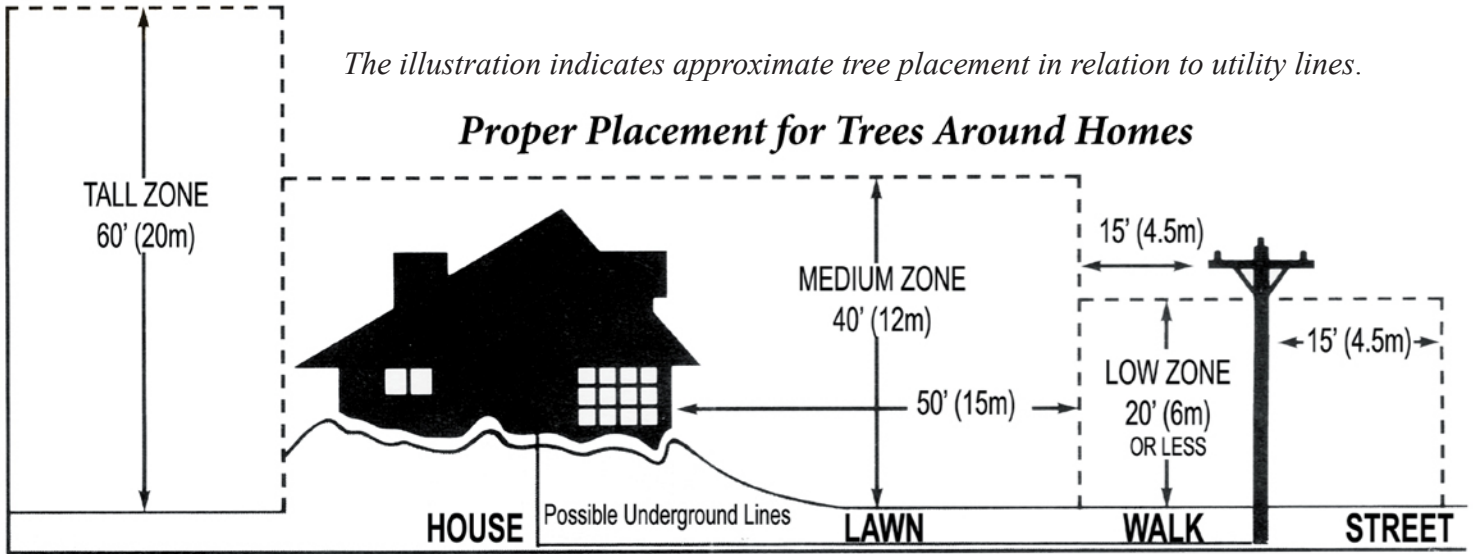
Disclaimer of Implied Warranties. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL TREES PROVIDED BY THE PELICAN ISLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY AND ITS AFFILIATES ARE BEING PROVIDED AS IS. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATED AGREEMENTS, NO PARTY MAKES ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTE, OR OTHERWISE, AND EACH PARTY SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL IMPLIED OR STATUTORY WARRANTIES INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NON-INFRINGEMENT. THE PELICAN ISLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY HAS TAKEN REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE TYPE OF TREE BEING PROVIDED AND ITS OVERALL HEALTH, BUT CANNOT PROVIDE ANY GUARANTEES AND/OR WARRANTIES AS SUCH.

INDEMNIFICATION PROVISION: APPLICANT HEREBY AGREES THAT IT SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE PELICAN ISLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY, AND ANY OF THEIR OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS IN BOTH THEIR OFFICE AND OFFICIAL AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DAMAGES AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND LITIGATION COSTS THROUGH ALL APPEALS, RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THE SUPPLYING OF THE TREE(S) ALONG WITH THE ENTERING OF PRIVATE PREMISES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING GPS COORDINATES FOR THE LOCATION OF THE TREES. THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THIS HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY PROVISION.



Instructions for Planting a Tree

Right Tree – Right Place: Planning before planting can help ensure that the right tree is planted in the right place. Be sure to plant at least 20 feet from your house and away from overhead lines, septic tanks, and drain fields.



Steps for Planting

1. Locate all underground utilities prior to digging.
2. Identify the trunk flare, which is where the trunk expands at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after planting.
3. Dig a shallow, broad planting hole that is 2-3 times wider than the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball.
4. Remove the container by cutting it off or pressing it in all around to free the soil inside. Inspect container tree root balls for circling roots. Cut off any that circle the rootball as they will hamper the tree's growth.
5. Place the tree at the proper height. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have difficulty developing because of a lack of oxygen.
6. Straighten the tree in the hole. Before backfilling, have someone view the tree from several directions to confirm it is straight.
7. Fill the hole gently, but firmly. Pack soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Fill the remainder of the hole, firmly packing the soil to eliminate air pockets that may dry out roots. Further reduce air pockets by watering periodically while backfilling. Do not fertilize at the time of planting.
8. Do not stake the tree. Trees establish more quickly and develop stronger trunk and root systems if they are not staked at the time of planting.
9. Mulch the base of the tree with organic matter to hold moisture, moderate soil temperature extremes, and reduce weeds. Pine bark is recommended.

10. Provide follow-up care. Keep the soil moist, but not water-logged.

Watering for strong growth		Watering for survival	
First 2 weeks	Daily	First 2 weeks	Daily
Next 2 months	Every other day	First 2-3 months	Twice a week
Final 2 months	At least weekly		

