



How to Care for Your New Palm Tree

Watering

Watering is one of the most important aspects of a successful tree transplant. Too much water can be just as bad as too little. A newly planted tree needs more water than established trees and all watering instructions are subject to change pending the natural rainfall that we receive.

A "berm" was created around your palm tree to ensure water reaches the root ball. Do not disturb this mound for at least 30 days; you may prevent the root ball from getting proper moisture. Fill the berm with water and let it saturate the ground. Repeat this 3 times one right after the other. Follow this process every day for the next 2 weeks. For the next two weeks follow this process every other day.

There are some species that may like more or less water than others, please see your sales representative for more information.

If the head of your palm tree was left tied up at installation; some species prefer this, others do not, after 30 days it is time to un-tie your palm.

Pruning

The only pruning you should ever have to perform on your Palm Tree is the removal of dead fronds at the lowest point of the "head". These are the oldest fronds; all newly developing fronds are "feeding" off the oldest. If you remove these oldest fronds too soon, you are depriving the new growth of vital nutrition.

Fertilizing

Though considered low-maintenance, your palm tree needs to be fertilized 3x/year. If not properly fed, you will see signs of malnutrition. Spotted, yellowing fronds are the first indication that fertilizer is needed. These fronds are un-attractive, yet necessary, to the overall health of the tree. Do not remove them until completely browned.

LLS carries a specially formulated fertilizer recommended by the University of Florida and Cooperative Extension Offices. 8-2-12 should be applied 3 times per year in order to maintain optimal health for your palm. We fertilize the palms in our field March, June, and September. Depending on the purchase and installation of your palm, follow up fertilizing should be done in one of these months.

Magnesium deficiency is common in Florida and Southeast Georgia. Applying magnesium sulphate, in addition to 8-2-12, is recommended.

Congratulations on the newest addition to your landscape! We hope this information will guide you in keeping your palm Healthy and Happy! As always, we welcome your questions and pictures whether you bought something from us or not. Please let us know if we can help.