

Straightening your newly planted Tree

We make every effort to ensure your tree is planted straight and stable. We purposely do not stake the trees because new research has shown that leaving trees un-staked produces a more stable tree and stimulates root growth. Even with careful planting, trees can develop a slight lean. Causes include: soggy soil or overwatering, high wind and storms, and windy planting locations.

If your tree develops a slight lean, its easily resolvable on you own with the steps below.

1. Water the soil for 5 mins on a slow pencil thin trickle.
2. Gently step on the side opposite the lean. Keep stepping around the edge of the root ball until the tree has straightened out. If you do not get any movement, move to step 3.
3. Locate the edge of the root ball. Using a shovel on the leaning side of the root ball, gently rock the root ball back and forth while also firmly pushing on the trunk of the tree. You may need to alternate between step 2 and step 3 to fully straighten your tree.
4. Important to not use too much force as it can damage your tree. If you have repeated the steps and cannot get any movement, you may need to wait for the soil to get fully saturated for more flexibility.