# Leaning TRee

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|  | Occasionally newly planted trees will develop a slight lean from soft soil conditions or inclement weather. Trees developing a lean is common and can be easily corrected by the homeowner. |
|  | We make our best effort to make sure your tree is planted straight and stable. Research shows that leaving trees un-staked produces a more stable tree and stimulates root growth. If you notice a lean, please take the follow steps. |
|  | 1. Water the soil for 5 minutes on a slow pencil thin trickle. |
|  | 1. Gently step on the side opposite to 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. |
|  | 1. 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. |
|  | 1. 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. |
|  | 1. If you are still unable to correct the lean, please contact us. One straightening is included in the price of planting. Any additional will be a service fee. |