

Planning for planting:

- Determine how much open (soft) space is available in the planting location. A minimum of 9m² (1m depth) of good soil is recommended to support one tree.
- Note the locations and types of existing obstacles, above and below ground, using existing survey plans, observations, and have utility locations marked by contacting www.on1call.com or 1.800.400.2255 (call before you dig). Use this information along with the setbacks listed below to determine a suitable planting location on this site, and the appropriate size of tree to plant.
- If there are overhead wires present, consult Hydro Ottawa's tree planting guidelines: https://static.hydroottawa.com/documents/publications/safety/tree_planting_advice-EN.pdf
- If sensitive marine clay has been confirmed on the site through a geotechnical report, only small-growing, low-water demand species should be planted at a minimum of 7.5m from the house.
- Ensure no future conflicts with building projections, overhead or underground utilities that would pose future maintenance problems or impede full development of the canopy.
- Tree species must be appropriate for the site (size at maturity, salt tolerance, etc.). There are many resources online to help select the right tree for your lot. Keep in mind that often native trees are best adapted to the local climate but less so for high salt conditions.
- Trees must be watered regularly following planting to ensure proper establishment.