

Fact Sheet



What on Earth Do You Know About Trees?



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How to Kill Your Tree Let Me Count the Ways!!

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- Plant too deep.
- Plant too shallow.
- Plant in soil that's too dry or wet.
- Damage roots during construction.
- Change the landscape drastically near the tree.
- Hit it with a lawn mower time and time again.
- Build a patio around it.
- Inflict a wound (with a knife, axe, during construction).
- Over fertilize.
- Prune improperly.
- Thin out the area greatly.
- Give it sudden exposure to the sun.
- Let low heavy branches grow: They'll break off during a storm
- Plant too close to your house.
- And on . . . and on . . . and on . . .



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