

STAKING TREES

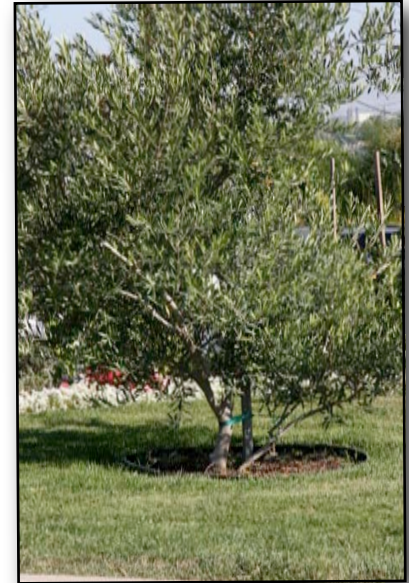
Staking Trees Improperly When They Are Young can Damage the Trunk and Branches and Prevent Healthy, Strong Roots and Trunk Development



This stake is the nursery stake that should have been removed once it was planted. It is too rigid, can scar the trunk and does not prevent the tree from falling over. Rigid staking prevents the trunk and roots from developing strength.



This loosely staked tree can move in the wind strengthening the trunk and roots system. Remove stakes when it can support itself (6-months to 1-year). Because of the distance from the trunk, these stakes won't damage the trunk.



Multi-trunk and low branched trees such as this olive rarely need staking and this stake could cut into the trunk on windy days if left too long.