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Trees Please

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Ways to Purchase Plants for the Landscape, Natural Area or Woods

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Considerations Before Purchasing

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Plants may be purchased as:
Bare root (BR)




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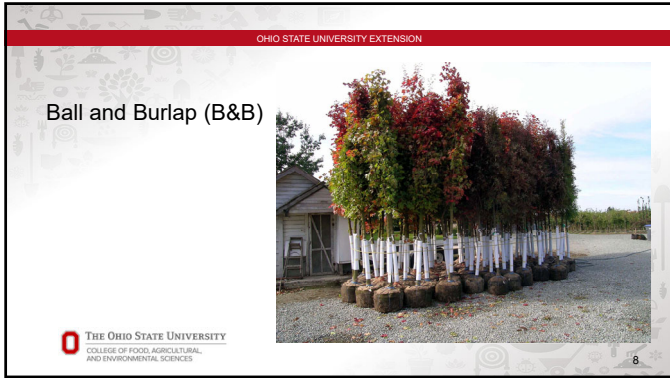
Container grown



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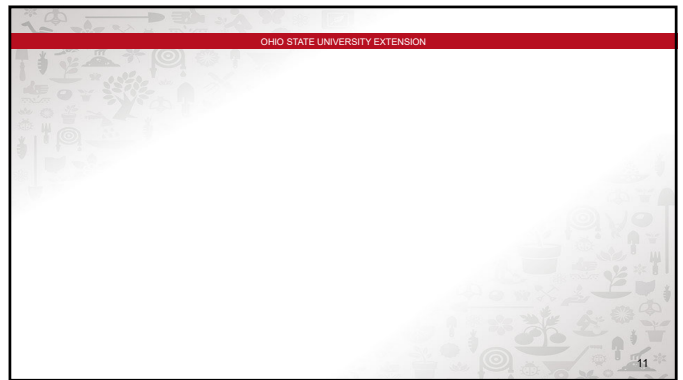
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White Ash
 Olacaeae *Fraxinus americana*

FAMILY Genus *specific epithet*


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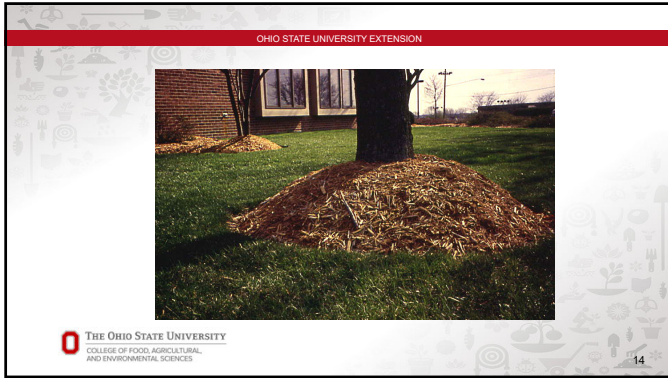
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10 – 20 – 30
 30 – Family
 20 – Genus
 10 – Species


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Maintaining Woody Ornamentals

- Watering
- Mulching
- Fertilizing
- Aerating
- Pruning

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Water

- When would you water a plant?
- How much should you water?
- How long does a woody plant need watered?

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Remember

The roots of plants are growing in the top 3' of soil and 80% are in the top 18"

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Mulching

- Apply a 2 to 3-inch thick layer of mulch to at least an eight-foot diameter circle
- Apply a thinner 1" layer of mulch over the root ball if necessary, but keep it at least 10" from the trunk

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Mulching



- Mulch as large an area as possible to allow the tree roots to expand without competition from turf roots.

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Improper mulching


- If turfgrass grows up to the trunk, trees often perform poorly.
- Turf and weeds rob trees of moisture and nutrients and some produce chemicals that inhibit tree growth.
- Lawn mowing equipment damages trunk



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Mulching




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Prune to finish the job

- Remove broken branches.
- Perform structural pruning if needed.
- Do not prune to compensate for root loss.



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During establishment

- Irrigate**
 - 2 – 3 times weekly until established
 - 2 gallons per inch trunk caliper on root ball
- Mulch**
 - Control weeds
 - Increase mulch diameter over time to keep pace with root growth
- Minimize soil compaction
- Remove stakes, protect lower trunk

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Frequency of irrigation based on tree size

Size of nursery stock	Irrigation schedule for vigor	Irrigation schedule for survival
< 2 inch caliper	Daily: 2 weeks Every other day: 2 months Weekly: until established	Twice weekly for 2-3 months
2 – 4 inch caliper	Daily: 1 month Every other day: 3 months Weekly: until established	Twice weekly for 3 – 4 months
> 4 inch caliper	Daily: 6 weeks Every other day: 5 months Weekly: until established	Twice weekly for 4 – 5 months

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Months of irrigation to provide based on climate and tree size at planting

Max. trunk diameter at planting	USDA Hardiness Zone					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 inch	12 months	10 months	7 months	5 months	3 months	3 months
2"	24	20	15	10	6	6
3"	36	30	23	16	9	9
4"	48	39	30	21	12	12

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Fertilizing

Don't guess! Soil Test.
Dormant season

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Pruning

What are some of the reasons to prune?

- Plant Health
- Train Young Plants
- Control Growth
- Rejuvenate
- Improve Appearance
- Improve Flowering or Fruiting

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Pruning Tools

- Hand Pruners
- Bypass
- Anvil
- Lopper
- Tree Saw
- Shears
- Manual
- Power

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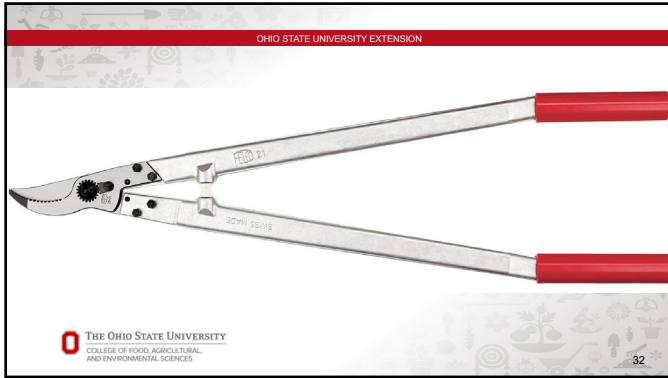
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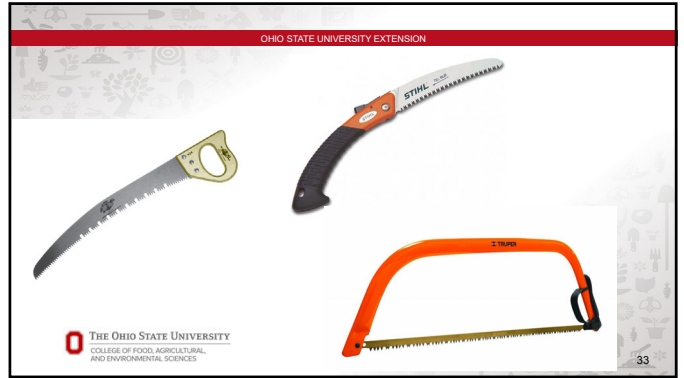
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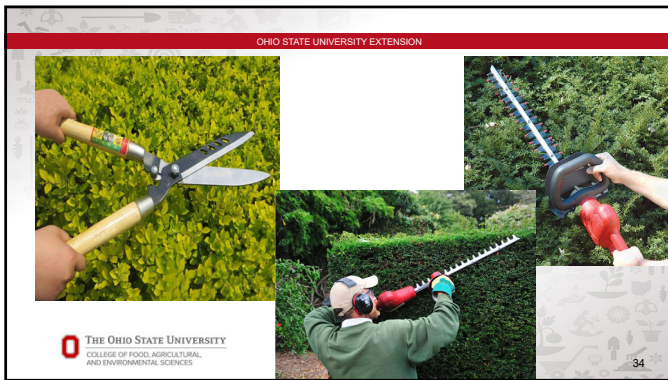
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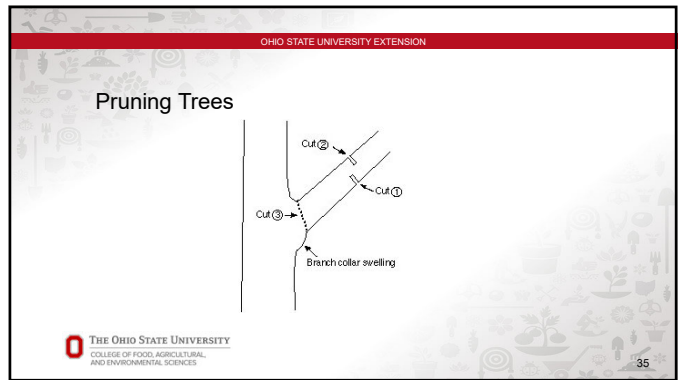
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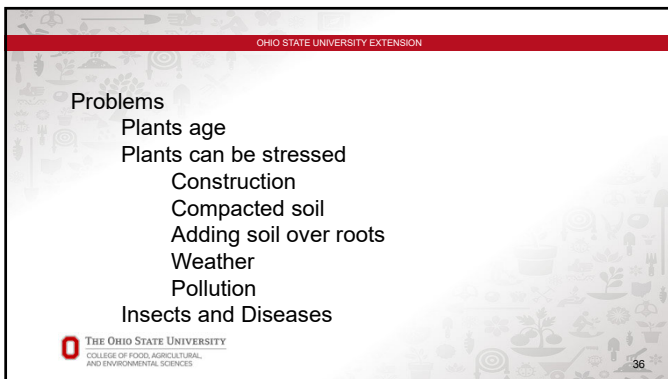
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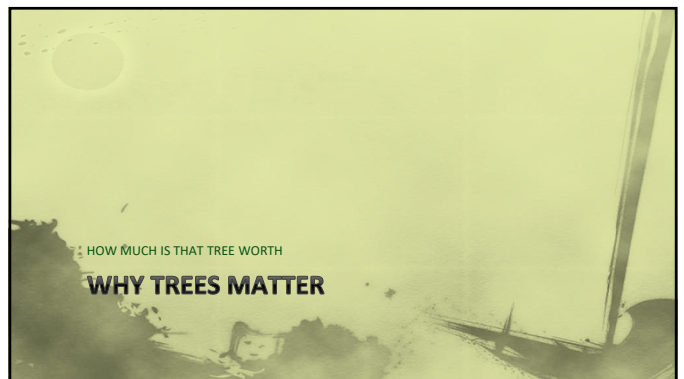
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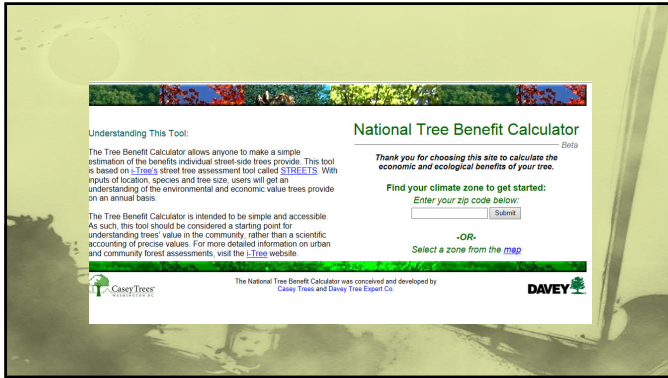
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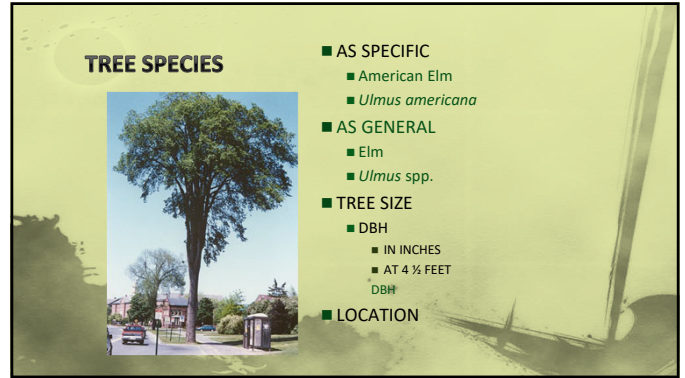
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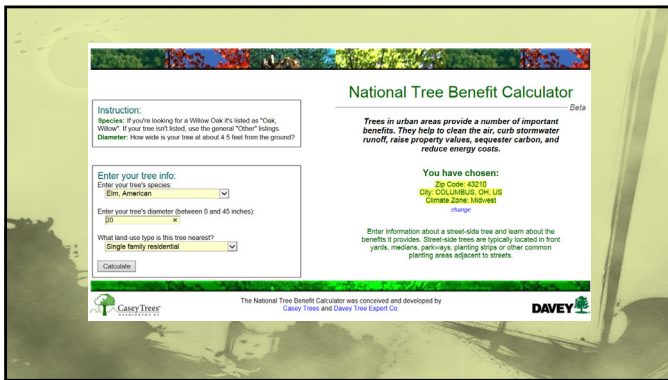
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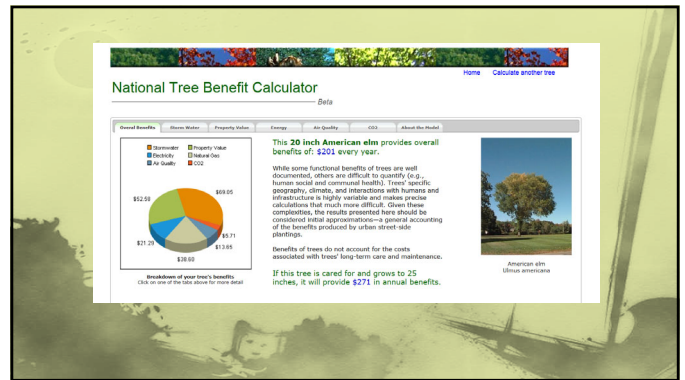
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