



Leave a Legacy, Plant a Tree

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It has been the practice of some families to plant a tree whenever a child is born. As the child grows up, the tree matures as well. Some people plant trees every year on Arbor Day, making it a tradition. Others plant trees in their yard, simply for their enjoyment for years to come. Whatever the reason, planting trees has been an event enjoyed by all ages and all groups of people.

Planting a tree is more than simply digging a hole and putting a tree inside. To plant a tree that will last, one must be aware of several important things. Be sure to research the kind of soil where the tree will be planted, observe the typical weather conditions, and take note of the surrounding nature (plants and animals). Compare the findings with a plant database like <http://plants.usda.gov/> to find the kind of tree that will compliment its environment in both appearance and interaction with nature. Before planting the tree, be sure to research the amount of space it will need once full grown. Contacting a local nursery or arborist is a great way to find this information.

When planting the tree, invite friends or family to participate in the event. Take pictures of before, during, and after the tree is planted. Planting a tree can create many memories.

Once the tree is in the ground, the process is not over yet! To finish the whole process, be sure to report your tree to Plant a Million. Go to www.plantamillion.org, print off and send in a Count My Trees form to make your trees count!



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