



## **Tree Stakes**

During recent community wide inspections it has been noted that several properties contain tree stakes. Per the Property Maintenance Standards, tree stakes are provided when young trees are installed but are to be removed after one (1) year. If the stakes are left in place, it can cause damage to the growing tree and become unsightly. For tips on tree stake removal, [Reference.com](http://Reference.com) recommends: begin removing a tree stake by getting rid of the string or any material that secures the tree trunk to the tree stake. Remove each stake using a hammer, hitting the stake on both sides until it is loose enough to be pulled from the ground. Pull the stake out of the ground and fill the hole with loose soil. Please contact Covenants with any questions or concerns at 703-542-6263 or [covenants@brambleton.org](mailto:covenants@brambleton.org).