

A message from the Arborist...

Tree selection for a Memorial Tree is very important. Bowling Green has a very diverse selection of trees within the city. This helps to ensure the health of all species. When disease occurs in one particular tree, chances are other species of trees may not be affected. This diversity also creates beauty. Different trees create interest in the landscape through a variety of texture and an array of color especially during the fall season.

Site selection is crucial to the long term success and health of a tree. Even though the tree starts out small, you must keep in mind how large the tree will grow and make sure it is planted in a space large enough to support its mature size. Remember that half of the tree is underground. The root system needs room to spread out in order for the tree to grow to its maximum potential.

I am always willing to answer questions about appropriate species selection and/or planting locations. To that end, I can be reached at 270-393-3111, or via email at <u>jared.weaver@bgky.org</u> or send a letter if you like to: Jared Weaver — City Arborist, 225 East 3rd Ave, Bowling Green, KY. 42101