

## **Lower Gwynedd Township Native Tree & Shrub Giveaway**



## DEER PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Lower Gwynedd Township is again providing 300 native trees and shrubs to residents to help increase the tree canopy in our township. As most residents probably know there are plenty of deer in our area, and they can be damaging to young trees and shrubs, so we recommend that they be protected during at least the first few years of their growth. We are providing a variety of specimens of various sizes and forms, so the type of protection needed is not consistent across all species. Also, some residents may not have deer pressure if their yard is fenced. Due to these two factors we are not providing deer protection with the trees in 2024, but highly recommend residents have a plan for protecting their tree or shrub (the township's investment!) before they pick up their tree. Below are photos of options, and links for where items can be purchased.

This article also has some tips on protecting trees from deer.

<u>This item</u> could be stacked along the trunk of a shade tree, or <u>this one</u>, like the left photo below, can be purchased online. For wide trees chicken wire or wire mesh like pictured below right can be installed. Supplies can be purchased at local gardening centers such as <u>The Rhoads Garden</u> in North Wales and <u>Primex</u> in Glenside, or big box retailers. A roll of chicken wire can be shared among a few neighbors.



