

## Plant Trees This Fall!

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, and the second-best time is now. That is how the saying goes.

When is the best time, or season, to plant a tree? According to arborists, the best time for Knox County residents, who live in Plant Hardiness Zone 7, to plant a tree is in October or November.

These months are the best because it allows the tree to drop leaves and focus on their roots, which will establish better in the warmer soil. The soil, which has been warming over the summer months, provides a great opportunity for root establishment.

After the fall planting, the seedling will have time to acquire nutrients, and supply water for the next growing season to newly sprouting buds. The new tree will be off to a great start when the spring growing season arrives with rains and warmer temperatures.

The best time to plant a tree, in Knoxville, is now.

For more information, please visit:

[USDA - Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#)

[UT Extension - Tree Planting Procedure for Small, Bare-root Seedlings](#)