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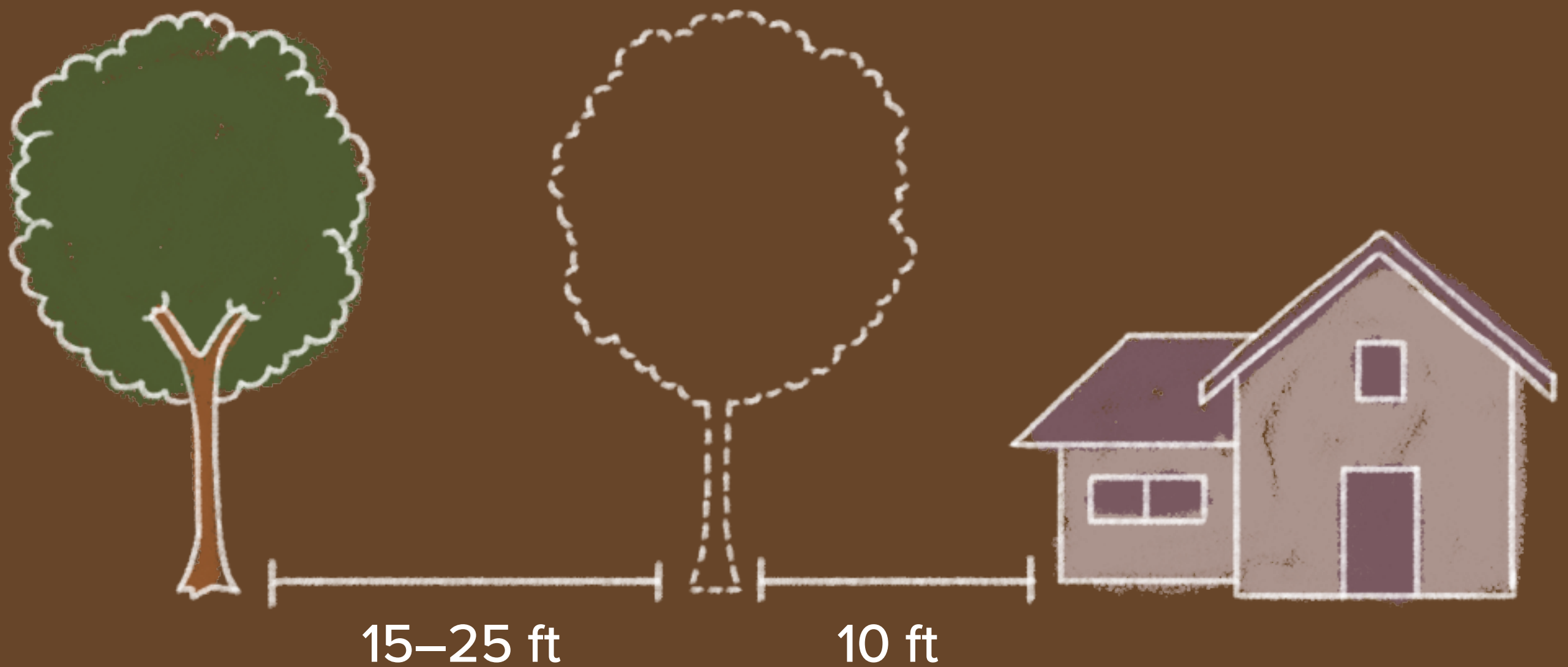
**Here's what to look out  
for before planting a  
tree in our urban forest!**



# Know your tree.

Check out the specs of your tree by looking at the rectangular tag that it comes with. It should have all the information about your tree, including how tall and wide it will grow. If there's no tag, you can always ask for more information in the place where you received your tree or go to [treepeople.org/trees](https://treepeople.org/trees) and check out the list of trees that LA City has approved with all the specs you need to know about various species.





## Look around you.

If there are any structures or other trees around, make sure that you are planting your tree at least 10 ft away from any building. If there is another tree nearby, allow 15–20 ft for small to medium-sized trees and 25 ft for large and established trees. It helps the tree spread out without having to compete for branch space, water, or nutrients in the soil.



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# Look up!

It's important to know the specs of your tree. Make sure to find out how tall and wide your tree will grow to in case there are any overhead obstacles like electrical wires and other branches that will prevent your tree from growing.

*Note: Overhead wires are usually 15–20 feet high!*



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## Check what's underground.

Even though you may have cleared everything above ground, you'll want to make sure you don't hit anything beneath the surface. Remember that with any project you'll do that will involve digging, please call 811 at least 2 days before you start. 811 is completely free and they will help you determine where your utility pipes are located underground. Aim for 8 ft minimum clearance for small to medium-sized trees and at least 10 ft for large trees from subsurface utility lines.

# You're ready to plant your tree!

Grab your shovel and start digging that hole!

To learn more about the steps on how to plant your tree, visit [treepeople.org/trees](https://treepeople.org/trees)



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