

# Helping a Struggling Tree – Your Mission!

Once you've found a tree that needs help, work as a team to follow this checklist and do everything you can to help it thrive again. Every tree is important, and with your care, it can grow strong and healthy!

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1	Create a compost worm farm in the school to recycle food waste and use the compost around the tree.
2	Collect fallen leaves, grass clippings, and organic waste to create mulch, keeping the soil moist and healthy.
3	Water the tree regularly, especially during dry periods, ensuring deep watering to reach the roots.
4	Encourage beneficial insects by planting native flowers nearby to attract pollinators and pest-controlling insects.
5	Build a small fence or protective barrier around the tree to prevent damage from foot traffic and animals.
6	Test the soil pH using a simple soil test kit and adjust by adding organic matter if needed.
7	Organise a 'Tree Care Club' where children monitor and document the tree's progress weekly.
8	Create handmade tree signs to educate others on the importance of trees and their proper care.
9	Install a slow-drip irrigation system using repurposed bottles to ensure consistent watering.
10	Plant companion plants around the base of the tree to improve soil quality and deter harmful pests.
11	Speak kindly to the tree regularly, as gentle vibrations may help reduce stress and promote growth.
12	Hug the tree or spend time close to it to release beneficial phytoncides, which improve well-being and create a stronger connection with nature.