

Privacy Tree Planning Guide

GreenLeaf Tree Care - NYC Metro and Long Island Homeowner Guide 2026

Choose the Right Tree

1 Go evergreen

Deciduous trees drop your privacy every fall; evergreens screen year-round.

2 Match the mature size

Fit the tree's full-grown height and width to your space first.

3 Balance speed and life

Green Giant arborvitae offers fast growth without the Leyland cypress problems.

4 Pick for your site

Eastern red cedar for dry, sandy, or coastal spots; arborvitae for most yards.

Plant It Right

1 Call 811 first

Have underground utilities marked before you dig.

2 Space to maturity

Often 5 to 8 feet for Green Giant; more for large evergreens.

3 Mind the line and house

Keep mature canopy and roots off neighbors, foundations, and power lines.

4 Plant at the right depth

Root flare at or just above grade, never buried.

5 Water two summers

Deep soaks and a mulch ring off the trunks while roots establish.

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