

BUILD A LEAF-ON LIGHT AND USE RECORD

Observe the same patch on representative days while nearby trees are in leaf. Three photographs are useful snapshots, but they are not a complete measurement of daily light.

Separate the limits that can occur together

What to record	How to make it useful	What to avoid concluding
Light through the day	Note direct sun, filtered light and deep shade at repeated times.	A bright photo does not prove all-day sun.
People and pet routes	Draw the paths and note repeated turning or stopping.	Every bare spot under a tree is not caused only by shade.
Roots and ground level	Photograph exposed roots and the trunk base without digging.	Exposed roots are not permission to cut or bury them.

Avoid cutting major roots, piling soil over them or changing grade to make mowing easier. Ask a qualified tree-care professional about root or canopy work. A groundcover or bed may fit better where grass repeatedly fails.

YOUR FIELD RECORD

Observation date and trees in leaf

Light observations with times

Traffic route and intended use

Grass or trial material and planting date

Dated photos and density comparison

Use the full guide and current local advice before treatment. Print and write, or save a copy in a PDF app that supports form fields. Entries stay in your file; this worksheet does not submit them.

