



CARING FOR YOUR NEW TREE

We hope you will enjoy your newly planted tree. Please follow the watering instructions below to see that your tree(s) thrive and grow.

Watering

Do not allow the roots to dry out or your tree may die. It doesn't take long for this to happen and nothing is sadder than a row of dead cedars or a leafless tree in a garden.

The roots of your tree need to remain moist (not soggy or squishy) for the first couple of months, so it is important that you water several times per week, based on how hot and dry the weather is. If you are going out of town, try to hire a local teen or exchange watering duties with a neighbor.

How much? New trees with less than a 3" trunk diameter will have a root well of about 5 cubic ft. Typical soil will soak up about one gallon of water per cubic foot, meaning the tree should be given around 5 or 6 gallons per application. It would be wasteful to exceed 10 gallons on trees of this size, but be sure that you are **efficiently applying at least 5 gallons**. It is important to note that insufficient surface watering may cause root development to concentrate too close to the surface. Roots should be promoted to depths of 4 to 18 inches for drought hardiness and anchor strength.

To water properly, you need to bring the hose right to the base of the tree and soak it for at least 30 minutes. Check the soil to see that it is moist more than 4" below the surface. Continue to water once a week for the first year. In the second year you can reduce the watering to twice monthly through the late spring and summer. **Never water if the soil is already soaked because trees can be over watered causing the tree roots to drown and become suffocated. Roots need air circulation to grow.**