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Post-Planting Tree Care

Watering Instructions

Trees must be watered for two years after planting

- Your trees have been equipped with a drip irrigation system. The number of emitters provided for each tree is based on the size and type of tree. Each group of three to five connected trees is equipped with a hose “quick-connect” and one or more drain caps. If your trees are connected to an irrigation system with an automatic timer, be sure they are set on a separate line, programmed to run once a week for three to four hours.
- **Water once a week during the growing season** (April through September) for a three or four hour period. (Watering is not necessary if there has been substantial rainfall during the week.)
- **Water every 4 to 5 days if the weather is extremely hot or dry.**
- To determine whether a tree needs water dig down to a depth of 6-8 inches on the outer edge of the drip line. If it is crumbly and dry it is time to water again.
- Periodically check your emitters to ensure they are not clogged. Pull back the mulch at several points during watering to inspect the emitters.
- Starting in October, unless the tree is newly planted, water every 2 weeks.
- Drain the drip system when freezing weather begins. Screw off the drain cap(s) provided on the low end(s) of each system.
- Avoid winter drought by watering when the ground is dry or at least two to three times in the winter when the weather warrants. Use a hose on the surface, about halfway between the trunk and the drip line. If possible, use a root feeder to get the water down through the surface. Begin the watering process early in the day so the water won't freeze around the tree.

Trees are most commonly killed by shallow watering or over watering, so be sure to water the trees according to their size for at least 3 hours per tree. Long, slow deep watering guarantees that the fibrous roots that extend 18 inches or more below the ground will get saturated.

Spraying for Insects

Transplanting trees makes them more susceptible to attack by insects. They must be sprayed by a professional tree spraying company to prevent infestation by Mountain Pine Beetle or Ips Beetle. We recommend McGarva Tree & Landscape Service, Inc. of Evergreen. (303-674-1372)

Ponderosa Pines and Spruce Trees:

- Have trees sprayed as soon as possible after planting, definitely within one week.
- Have trees sprayed four (4) months after planting.
- Have trees sprayed twelve (12) months after planting.
- Have trees sprayed eighteen (18) months after planting.
- Have trees sprayed twice a year, thereafter.