



# Guidelines for Watering Your Trees

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We have found when people follow these suggestions they can expect new growth and a healthy tree for years to come.

## How?

It's best to install a drip emitter system for watering. Each tree planted needs three to four hours of watering once a week. The type and number of emitters varies widely with the tree size and variation, along with the soil conditions and availability of water. Therefore, the design of the drip system should be done by a professional based on your specific needs. To prevent moisture from evaporating after the drip system is installed, mulch around the root ball six inches in depth.

## When?

Trees are best watered once a week during normal weather, and once ever four to five days when it is extremely hot. To determine whether a tree needs water, dig down to a depth of six to eight inches on the outer edge of the drip line. If it is crumbly and dry, it's time to water again.

## Dangers?

Trees are most commonly killed by shallow watering or over watering, so be sure to water the trees according to their size for a minimum of three hours! Long, slow and deep watering guarantees that the fibrous roots that extend 18 inches or more below the ground will get saturated. Periodically check your emitters so they will not become clogged. Drain down your system before freezing weather sets in.

Thanks for learning from our years of experience.