

How to Properly Water Your Tree

The goal is moist soil as far as 8 to 12 inches below the surface.



- For the first three years, young trees need weekly watering from mid-April to mid-October.
- Probe the soil 8 to 12 inches below the surface before watering. If the soil feels moist and sticky, allow it to dry for several more days before watering. If the soil feels dry and crumbly, water deeply once a week.
- The best way to deep water trees is to use a soaker hose (or a garden hose set to a trickle) that slowly applies water to the soil over several hours.
- Water deeply by setting your hose on a slow trickle for several hours at the base of the tree or use a soaker hose around the tree. On average, your tree will need about 15 gallons of water per week.

Remember that lawn watering will not replace the need to deeply water young trees.

Watering during our rainless months varies greatly depending on the tree species, daily temperatures, and location in the yard, as well as soil texture, structure and depth.

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