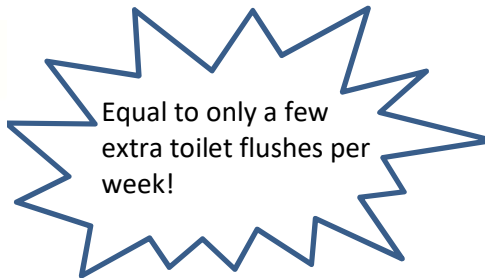


# Your Trees are Thirsty!

Ready or not, the summer months are upon us and that means dry and hot weather. This not only affects us, but also the trees planted at our homes and in our community. The City's Urban Forest Division works hard to ensure a healthy tree canopy managing more than 16,000 trees. However, we can't do it alone! Proper and sufficient watering of trees is vital to the health of our tree canopy.



## Is your tree still young and staked?

- Give 10 gallons of water once a week
- Easy with a 5-gallon bucket or a hose!
- Once the roots are established and staking is no longer needed, weekly water is no longer necessary.

## Is your tree mature?

- Supplemental water is only **needed once a month** during hot and dry weather, twice a month during prolonged heat waves.
- Drip or flood irrigation over the critical root zone is best.
- Avoid overhead spray, if possible. If overhead spray is the only option, do not allow water to spray the tree trunk!



## Some other ways to ensure the health of your trees:

- Remove turf, weed cloth, and rocks from around your trees.
- Add a 4-6 inch deep layer of wood chips over the critical root zone, avoiding the trunk.
- Refer to the City's Urban Forest Division. There is lots of valuable information on caring for trees!

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