



THE BASICS OF WATERING TREES

At least **15-20 gallons of water a week per tree** is your goal.

An average tree pit is 4' x 4' or larger, so 15 gallons is the minimum goal.)

Water at least once a week from April – October unless there is steady rainfall.

Water slowly so that the water does not runoff.

Slow trickling from a hose or a 5-gallon bucket with small nail holes in the bottom are good options so the water slowly seeps into the ground.

Wood chip **mulch of 3" – 4"** thick on the top of the tree pit will help retain moisture.

Do not allow mulch up against the tree trunk, as this will encourage pests and rot.

Mound the mulch around the tree trunk in a circle about 1 – 2 feet **away from** trunk, so it can hold the water like a bowl.