



## HELPFUL WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

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We hope you enjoy your new trees. To care for and protect your new plantings, be sure to give your trees the water they need as they work to establish themselves in their new environment. Below are some basic watering instructions for your new trees.

### TREES

For all newly planted trees, please follow these helpful tips below:

- **Establishment Period.** Every 3rd day – is a good rule of thumb for watering newly planted trees. Use this frequency for the first two (2) weeks while the tree's root system sends out new "feeder roots" to establish itself in its new environment. Check the soil immediately below the mulch layer – if it is semi-moist on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, you can usually broaden the frequency to every 4-5 days for the first two (2) weeks.
- **Post-Establishment Waterings.** After the first two (2) weeks, change the frequency to 1x per week for the next four (4) weeks. It is important to train the new tree to become efficient in how it utilizes stored water and food as it matures in its new home.
- **Watering Schedule.** Best time to water is early morning. This gives your new tree(s) their needed water to "drink" during the warmest part of the day. If morning waterings are not possible – the next best time to water is in the evening. The important thing is that the plants receive the necessary water.
- **Best Tools.** Use a hose with no attachment (or set your hand-sprayer attachment to "Soaker") to water your new tree(s). Remember to concentrate the water around the entire "drip line" of the plant (the area that is the width of the tree's canopy). When applying the water—be sure to soak the area (leave the hose running on a "slow soak" within the drip line area for 5-10 minutes, depending on the size of the installed tree.



### MAINTENANCE WATERING

Newly planted trees only need supplemental watering during the hottest summer days of the first growing season. After the first growing season, trees do not need maintenance watering but will appreciate and look happier with a little drink during very hot days, especially if rainfall is absent for over a week.