

Watering NEWLY-PLANTED Trees

Once you plant your tree(s), you will need to water for two growing seasons to help with the establishment period to set your trees up for success. It is crucial during warmer months, March-October in Texas, to continue to water your tree(s). Deep infrequent watering is better than frequent low-volume watering. This more accurately mimics precipitation patterns, ensures that all parts of the root system – and beyond, to where we want the roots to grow – receive water, and is less conducive to fungal growth.



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RULES OF THUMB

MONTH 1
Water 3x/week
in absence of rain

MONTH 2
Water 2x/week
in absence of rain

MONTH 3
Water 1x/week
in absence of rain

MONTHS 4-12
Water 1x-2x/month
in absence of rain

BEYOND YEAR 1
Water only
in absence of rain

TIPS:

- Pour water over root-ball.
- Do not over-water a tree.
- Do not squirt water at trunk.
- Mulch layer should be no more than 2-3 inches and away from trunk.

HOW MUCH WATER?

Use 2-4 gallons of water
for each *inch* of trunk diameter.

Use the higher number in
summer and lower in winter.



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