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TREE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

For at least the first two growing seasons, trees need regular watering. In this way, they will generate many new roots and so become better able to support themselves for the long term.

All trees need to be watered from early spring until winter. Autumn is an important time for root growth, so please do not neglect this important season. As a rule, watering should continue in the Autumn up until the first real freeze – after the temperature has been below 32 degrees for several days.

When there is not a substantial rain, each tree needs 20 gallons of water once per week. In drought periods, or when the temperature averages 85 degrees or above, each 2.5-3” caliper tree needs 20 gallons twice per week. Twenty gallons is the equivalent of 4 of those white 5-gallon compound buckets. A slow hose run in the root zone for 15-20 minutes should give the equivalent, as well. Even better, use a Tregator; these zip-on watering bags can be filled with 20 gallons (green bags) of water. The water will drip slowly out of the bag and into the root zone.

Some of the trees we plant are larger than 2.5-3” caliper—these should receive an additional 10 gallons per inch caliper, added onto the weekly 20-gallon drenching.

Do NOT water a little bit each day. The trees need good deep watering. Fewer, deeper waterings are far better for root development and tree health.

Good luck!

Please feel free to call with any questions.