

# Water your tree 101

Ensuring your tree gets enough water after planting is extremely important to help it grow.

## When to water

Water your tree in the spring, summer and fall when the ground is not frozen. Remember to check for dry soil before watering.

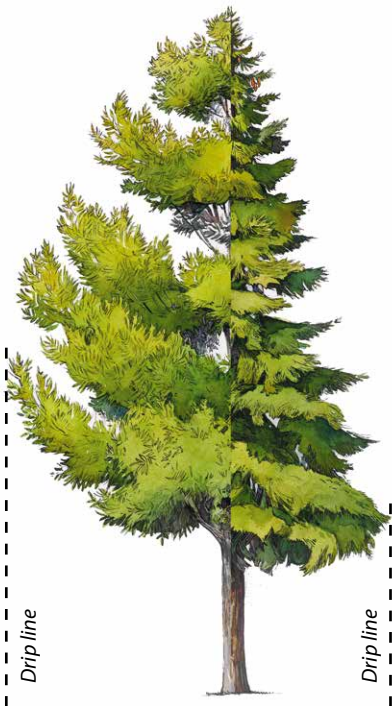
- Trees planted under three years: water weekly.
- Trees planted over three years: water bi-weekly.

## Where to water

Always water your tree at the root. Tree roots are located away from the trunk, under the drip line: the area of ground beneath the outer branches.

## How to water

- Depth: 10 inches below the surface.
- Duration: 30 minutes.
- Flow: no faster than a trickle.
- Saturation: stop if water pools or starts to run-off the surface.



# Water's little helper: Mulch

Mulch helps retain water and protects tree roots by moderating soil temperature and reduces grass and weeds.

## When to mulch

Add mulch anytime and replenish as necessary every three to five years.

## Where to mulch

Mulch away from the trunk around the tree in a doughnut shape.

## How to mulch

Mulch should be a maximum of three inches deep, making sure to keep it away from the trunk, and spread out as wide as possible.



To learn more about watering and mulching trees, or for additional tree care tips and information please visit [calgary.ca/trees](http://calgary.ca/trees)

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