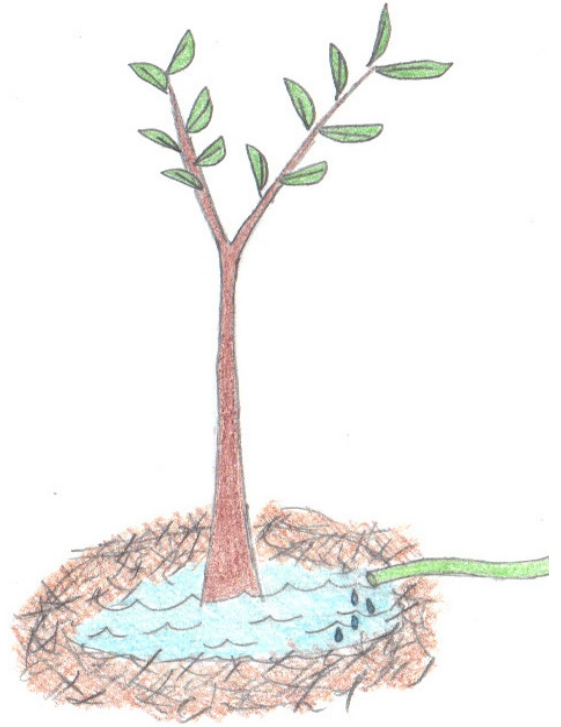


Keep It Simple!

Fast & easy watering tips for young trees

Soil Berms

Construct a packed ring of soil covered with mulch around the tree, about 3 feet or more wide. Water the ring at full blast until it fills up with water (up to 10 min. depending on your water pressure) and then let it soak in. With this method, it's a good idea to direct your hose onto a shovel or rock to prevent the pressure of the water from eroding the soil around the roots of the tree.



Water Reservoirs

You can buy watering reservoirs at your local nursery, or you can make your own on the cheap. Use a small drill bit to make a hole in the bottom of a 5 gallon bucket, close to the edge. Fill the bucket with water and place it over the rootball of the tree. The water will drip out slowly, reducing water loss to evaporation. The beauty of this method is that you can fill the bucket with a hose right next to the tree or you can fill it at the spigot and carry it to the tree if your hose won't reach. Refill the bucket as required to reach the amount of water the tree needs.



Remember to...

Check soil moisture 4 inches deep before you water.

Pull up weeds and grass around the tree to reduce competition for water.

Mulch! A ring of mulch (wood chips, grass clippings, dried leaves, etc.) around the tree (~ 2 to 3' wide) keep the rootball cooler, conserve water, and slow encroachment from weeds and grass. Keep the mulch pulled back from the trunk of the tree to prevent rot.