

WATERING A TREE

KNOW YOUR TREE – Water needs will differ among tree species, and watering needs will differ in different sites, due to different exposures and soil types.

SEASONS – Adjust watering or irrigation with the seasons. Cease or reduce watering in winter and during rainy periods.

DESERT-ADAPTED TREES – water every 7-21 days in summer; every 30-60 days in winter.

HIGH WATER USE TREES – water every 7-10 days in summer; every 14-30 days in winter.

WATER AMOUNTS – Trees appreciate infrequent deep watering, rather than frequent light watering.

WATER THE ROOTS – and never the trunk. Most of the tree's feeder roots are located at or beyond the outer edge of the tree canopy, and not near the base of the trunk.

ADJUST WITH GROWTH – Reduce or stop watering after trees are established. Move irrigation emitters out to the edge of the canopy and beyond, as the tree grows up.