

Summer Tree Watering

Trees provide benefits that promote health, social wellbeing, and well maintained trees can add value to your home!

Extremely hot weather makes keeping trees healthy a challenge, especially street trees. Trees planted along streets have limited soil to retain water so they feel the effects of drought very quickly. The increased temperatures associated with roads also creates a challenging environment for these trees to thrive.

This year, we've received less than half of our average rainfall for early summer in the Fraser Valley. This means we have very dry soils and thirsty trees. If you'd like to help our Urban Forest thrive, consider giving water to trees while you're hand watering your gardens.

City staff water hundreds of our young trees each year to ensure their health. You can help our urban forest by providing water to mature trees in our shared streetscapes. Here's how you can get involved:

Trees with water bags

If you see water bags attached to the base of the tree, these are included in the City's watering program and do not require supplemental watering. The bags slowly release this water to maximize the wetting of the soil.

Trees without water bags

Use a garden hose, with a spring loaded shut-off nozzle, to water the soil below the outer reaches of the crown (this is where the "feeder roots" are located). Watering too close to the trunk will not wet all of the roots. Water slowly, to prevent run-off. Each tree only requires about 1 inch of water on the soil per week to get it through the tough times.

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