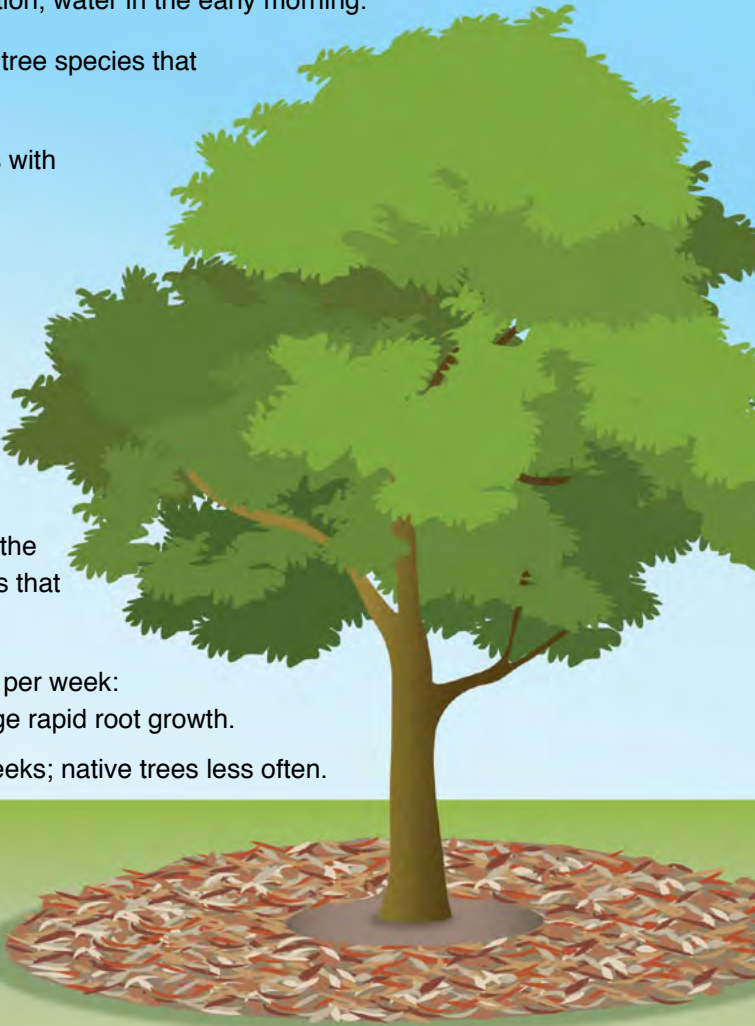


Trees and Water Are Precious Resources.

Prioritize watering trees during a water shortage.

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- To reduce water loss to evaporation, water in the early morning.
 - Plant native or drought resistant tree species that require less water.
 - Install efficient irrigation systems with uniform components and “smart controllers”.
 - In areas with ponding, runoff, or compaction, schedule 2-3 short run times, rather than one longer run.
 - Wet the surface of the soil beneath the tree’s canopy and beyond. Direct water away from the trunk, to prevent moist conditions that foster disease.
 - Water young trees at least twice per week: moisten the root ball to encourage rapid root growth.
 - Water mature trees every 1-4 weeks; native trees less often.
 - Spread mulch under and beyond the canopy, but not touching the trunk.
 - Repair broken and worn components, clogged and missing emitters, and leaks.
Look for overspray, sprinkler misting, and ponding.
 - Deep, infrequent watering encourages deep root growth for drought resistance.
 - Evaluate your soil type and rooting depth.



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