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How To Properly Water Your Trees

This a basic guide on how to properly water trees. For information on a watering schedule, please read the "Hope Valley Tree Farm Watering Guide." All of the suggestions below are given with the precedence of watering with a watering hose. If you are using other watering methods, this information is still applicable, simply adjust accordingly to get the same results as discussed here.

To deep water a tree by hose, run a strong trickle and place the hose on the top of the root ball until there is standing water in the natural dish built around your tree (as outlined in the *Hope Valley Tree Farm Planting Guide*).

Using a timer is very helpful in establishing your watering routine and learning how to water according to your soil. Different soils types retain water in their own way. It's important to learn how to water according to your specific soil. If water backs up in the dish within 5 minutes, slow down your water trickle. If there is no standing water in the dish within 30 minutes, increase the trickle.

The goal is for a good deep watering/soaking that not only waters the root ball but soaks into the ground around it. Watering deep and less often is much better for your tree than frequent surface waterings. This encourages the roots of the tree to grow down into the ground versus growing out and on top of the ground.

Note: Overwatering will result in a general unhealthy tree over a period of time. Underwatering may turn the leaves brown in a short period of time, often spurred by a sudden hot spell or lack of water. If the leaves turn brown, increase the amount of time watered first before increasing the frequency. If the root ball is constantly wet, stretch out your watering routine.

This guide is a suggestion. You alone are responsible for the care of your tree. There is no warranty either expressed or implied for trees purchased at HVTF.