

## Street Tree Care

1. **Water** your street tree with 10 to 20 gallons per week unless the tree receives a long steady rain.

To measure the water either let your hose trickle for at least 1 hour, or get two five-gallon buckets, drill several holes in the bottom, place buckets over the tree root area and fill buckets with water. When the buckets are empty, fill again, and let them drain.

Start watering weekly in mid April and continue until the ground freezes.

2. **Mulch** the soil after planting the tree. The first foot around the base of the tree needs a 1 inch layer. Gradually increase the depth of the mulch to 3 inches at the edge of the tree well.
3. Each spring, immediately after the ground thaws, remove the old mulch and throw it away, it contains salt from winter road treatment that will harm trees and other plants. Replace with new mulch as described above.
4. **Clean-up** the area at the base of your street trees. Pull any weeds, remove litter and animal waste. A well kept tree typically experiences fewer instances of vandalism.

If you have questions or concerns about trees in your neighborhood, please call PNPP.

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