

# HELP YOUR TREES SURVIVE THE DROUGHT



**T**rees and water are both precious resources in your homes landscape. Trees in irrigated landscapes become dependent on regular watering, making them even more vulnerable during a drought. As you cut back on water-use it is important to keep in mind the impact this will have on the life of your trees. Your trees provide bountiful benefits for you and your landscape by improving air and water quality, reducing soil erosion, slowing storm water runoff, improving groundwater recharge and also providing shade to your landscape while keeping your house cooler. Trees even improve the value of your property. Below are some easy techniques to keep your trees alive during a drought.



Deeply and slowly water mature trees 1-2 times per month at the “drip zone” area directly beneath the canopy with a simple soaker hose or drip system. NOT at the base of the tree.

A young trees roots are less established & need easier access to water to establish deep root systems. Create a small watering basin with a berm of dirt around the base of the tree, adding 5 gallons of water 2-4 times per week.



Add a 4-6 inch layer of mulch around the base of your trees to help retain moisture and reduce their watering needs.

Water early in the morning or after the sun has set, as this is when trees replace the water they’ve lost during the day.



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