



Some facts about trees and water in Missoula

- Missoula's climate is semi-arid with an average 11" precipitation/year.
- Most landscape trees need 25"-35" precip./year and therefore need supplemental watering especially during the hottest, driest months of the year - July, Aug. and Sept.
- All trees need water when getting started, even native or drought-tolerant species.
- The green water bags help ensure trees receive *some* water but are not meant to be their only water source.
- If it has not rained in a week, water new trees. If it has not rained in a month, water mature trees.
- Deliver ***water slowly and deeply*** to reach the roots and to avoid wasteful runoff.
- Soil should be moist to the touch but not soggy. (2"- 4" deep)
- Water trees early in the morning or after sunset to conserve water.

Trees cool and clean the air, manage and filter stormwater, provide wildlife habitat and create safer, more attractive neighborhoods.



***To learn more about proper watering and care for your trees, visit www.treesformissoula.org/learn**