

Tree care 101

Safety



Safety First.

Always wear personal protective equipment that's right for the job: gloves, eye protection and proper footwear.

When in doubt, call a professional. A certified arborist knows best tree care practices.

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safety glasses
ear protection

gloves

boots

Pruning



Less is more. In Calgary's climate most trees do not need much pruning.

Avoid pruning when you plant a new tree – unless you're removing dead branches.

Dead or diseased branches can be pruned at any time of the year unless the tree is an Elm.

Elms cannot legally be pruned from April 1 to September 30 to help prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease.



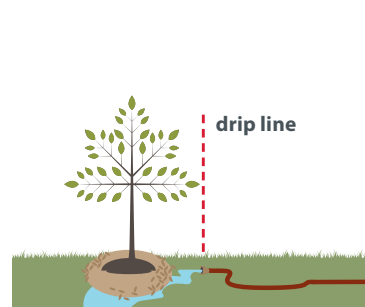
Watering



New tree less than 3 years old

Water your tree in the spring, summer and fall when the ground is not frozen.

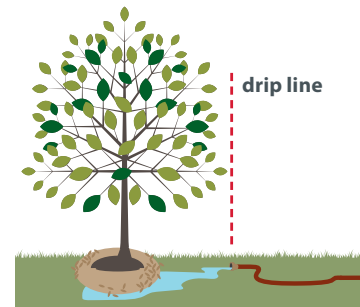
Put your hose at the drip line, **water weekly for 30 minutes** on a trickle.



Mature tree more than 3 years old

Water your tree in the spring, summer and fall when the ground is not frozen.

Put your hose at the drip line, **water biweekly for 30 minutes** on a trickle.



Mulch



Mulch helps retain water and insulate roots.

Mulch should be **3 inches deep**, kept away from the trunk, and spread out as wide as possible in a doughnut shape.

It can be replenished every three to five years.

