



General Watering Guidelines - Container Trees

How much water a tree needs depends on how well or poorly the soil drains.

A heavy rain or steady rain that lasts at least half of the day is enough water.

Before watering, test the soil moisture. This can be as easy as sticking your finger in the rootball. If it's dry, it needs water. If it's moist, it may need water later that day or the next day. If it's wet (you can squeeze water out of it), you may need to decrease the amount of water you are applying.

The best kind of watering is a slow deep root watering.

The soil conditions on a site may vary from tree to tree. You may find some trees need more or less water than the same type and size tree on the same site because of variations in soil.

	.75" caliper / 7 gallon container	1" caliper tree / 15 gallon container	1.5" caliper tree / 15 gallon container
First 2 Weeks	about 1.5 gallons every day	about 2 gallons every day	about 3 gallons every day
Spring	1.5 gallons every other day	about 2 gallons every other day	about 3 gallons every other day
Summer & Drought	about 1.5 gallons every other day	about 2 gallons every other day	about 3 gallons every other day
Early Fall	about 1.5 gallons every 3 days	about 2 gallons every 3 days	about 3 gallons every 3 days
Fall	about 1.5 gallons every 3 - 5 days	about 2 gallons every 3 - 5 days	about 3 gallons every 3 - 5 days
Late Fall	about 1.5 gallons every 5 - 7 days	about 2 gallons every 5 - 7 days	about 3 gallons every 5 - 7 days
Winter / No Leaves	about 1.5 gallons every other week	about 2 gallons every other week	about 3 gallons every other week
Early Spring / As soon as you see leaf buds	about 1.5 gallons every 3 days	about 2 gallons every 3 days	about 3 gallons every 3 days
Late Spring	about 1.5 gallons every 2 days	about 2 gallons every 2 days	about 3 gallons every 2 days
Summer 2	about 1.5 gallons every 2 days	about 2 gallons every 2 days	about 3 gallons every 2 days
Repeat Above for the first 2 years	<i>Repeat Above for the first 2 years</i>	<i>Repeat Above for the first 2 years</i>	<i>Repeat Above for the first 2 years</i>
Summer 3	about 1.5 gallons every 5 to 7 days	about 2 gallons every 5 to 7 days	about 3 gallons every 5 to 7 days