

TREE CARE AND WATERING

Healthy trees are important to our city for a variety of reasons. Trees clean our air, provide oxygen, cool the streets, help prevent soil erosion and water pollution, their shade conserves energy, and they beautify our City. There are simple things you can do to protect trees from stress and disease during the drought.



Newly Planted Trees

For the first 2 to 3 years after a tree is planted, the area around the base of the tree should be kept moist at all times. During a drought, when it is important to conserve water, you should use every available method to ensure this area doesn't dry out.

1. If you have a rain barrel, connect a garden hose to it and use it to water your tree, as long as water is available.
2. Maintain mulch under the tree to help keep soil moist. Keep mulch 6 inches away from the base of the tree.
3. Direct water to the perimeter of the mulched area of the tree to keeping the planting area moist. This encourages root growth outward from the tree rather than up into the surrounding mulch.
4. The amount of water needed will vary depending on the type of soil that exists, where the tree is planted and weather conditions. It is best to keep the dashed area moist. Do not let it dry out!

Oak Tree Trimming Is Allowed July through October

For the health of the tree, residents are only allowed to trim their Oak Trees from July through October. In order to trim an oak or California native tree in South Pasadena, the resident must first complete and submit an application which can be obtained at The Public Works Department or from the City's website.



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Mature Trees

Mulch: A 4" layer of mulch covering bare soil greatly reduces evaporation and keeps the soil and roots cooler for overall tree health.

Water: Trees absorb water at least 18 inches deep in the soil and at the drip line (under the edge of the outer branch canopy). A mature tree should be watered once or twice a month for an hour. Use a "tree ring" or "in-line emitter tubing hose" to spread water evenly and slowly.