City of San Dimas
Landscape Maintenance Division
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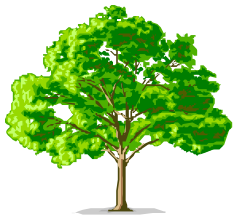

TREE CARE AND WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure the survival of your new parkway tree and reduce the potential for problems as the tree matures, please follow these simple "Tree Care and Watering Instructions":

1. In order for the new tree to become well established it will need approximately 15 gallons of water weekly for the first 2-3 years of its life. Trees should be watered consistently.

2. Water slowly and deeply two to three times per week depending on weather conditions. Use low water pressure to allow the water to seep into the basin. You may notice the City water truck in your neighborhood watering trees. They may even water your tree if it appears dry. Please continue to water your tree as the City is only watering those that are not being watered by the resident. The City does not have the resources to water every tree planted and needs the cooperation of the residents to ensure that the newly planted trees survive.

3. Water standing in the basin longer than 10 minutes could be a sign of very heavy clay soil and/or poor drainage. Standing water and very wet soil can lead to root and crown rot. Water less and aerate the soil to improve drainage.

4. Yellowed leaves are a sign of under watering or, in rare cases, over watering. Check your soil and alter your watering schedule appropriately.

5. Continue to water the tree during the rainy season. Only during heavy rains should you stop watering until the soil has a chance to dry out.

6. Please keep the basin free of weeds and turf as they compete with the tree for water and nutrients.

7. Do not level off the basin that has been constructed around your tree. It is there in order to ensure that when the tree is irrigated the water does not runoff. In order for the tree to survive, it is imperative that water gets to the root system.

8. Watering before 10am or after 8pm can reduce water loss from evaporation.

9. Deep watering helps to develop a more deeply rooted and drought tolerant tree while shallow watering encourages surface rooting which can lead to sidewalk damage. Please deep water your tree.

10. Washing tree foliage occasionally can help prevent pest problems.

11. Avoid using trimming devices also known as "weed whackers" near the trunk of the tree. These devices damage the trees, lead to future problems and most often, death of the tree. Arbor Guards will be placed around the base of the tree at the time of installation. These help to protect the tree from "weedwackeritis". Please do not remove them.

12. The Landscape Maintenance Division will trim the tree(s) as a part of our routine tree trimming cycle. However, if you notice any conditions that seem unhealthy or may create a hazard please contact us at (909) 394-6273.