

Watering

One reason *Street Trees for Living's* tree success rate is higher than other local authorities is because of its tree watering scheme. It is vital that a newly planted street tree is given adequate attention over the first three years following planting.

Watering One! Two! Three!

1. Use 20 measured litres in ONE WEEKLY HIT March-October, two years minimum
2. In dry, hot or windy weather, or if the leaves start to droop or look dry, increase to 2 to 3 times a week
3. In wet weather maintain routine as rain runs off pavements

Watering tips - for best practice

- Follow the '20 litres in one hit' routine (measure don't guess!) to encourage *vertical* root growth from the start
- Please give a single watering of 20 litres as soon as the tree is planted to replace any water losses in transit
- Always water using the irrigation pipes provided, if these become blocked water the soil around the top of the root ball
- Remove wild vegetation that will compete for available water (additional planting around the tree should be avoided during the first two years)
- Use calendars and electronic reminders - don't rely on memory
- If possible, mulch to retain moisture - bark clippings, leaf mould or well-rotted horse manure (fresh manure will damage the tree)
- If your tree is an evergreen, then you must continue to water it with 20L once a month from November – February, discontinuing if there is a hard frost, and ensuring that you never: use hot water; use water containing any bleach; place any de-icing salts around the base of the tree

