

Email from Mike Scott 11/22/19:

Revised Guidelines for Watering Our New Trees

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- When discussing the need to water our trees during the winter, Van Anderson of Waynesboro Landscaping said that “since the trees have gone dormant, there is much less need to water them. In fact, if average temperatures are below 40 degrees and we are not in a drought, there is no need to water”.
- The Arbor Day Foundation says that you should keep watering trees on a regular schedule through fall and until the ground begins to freeze (usually late October or November). Once the ground freezes, they say to continue to monitor weather conditions throughout the winter months.
- Young or newly planted trees are much more susceptible to drought injury during the winter months. If temperatures are super mild and the ground is not frozen, I’d suggest we water our trees every 2-3 weeks with approximately 15-20 gallons each.
- It would be helpful, if we communicate with the NEXT neighbor when passing the tank, about if we watered, and how much water we provided to the trees during our two-week assignment. This can help the next neighbor make an informed decision about the need to water.
- If you water, water early in the day, so the trees have time to absorb the water before the temperature drops at night.

THANKS for your continued help to get our new trees off to a strong start!