



Parks, Recreation and Forestry

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Dear Homeowner,

You have recently received a new boulevard tree and may be wondering about best care practices. Each tree was installed with a ring of mulch which holds moisture and insulates the root ball, as well as stakes to provide growth support. Although the tree is dormant at this time, it still requires about an inch of water 2-3 times per week until the ground is frozen. This will set the tree up for success for the spring growing season.

The City will provide watering bags upon request. If you are interested in a watering bag, please call the Parks & Forestry department at 608-789-8679.

HOW TO USE A WATERING BAG ON YOUR NEW BOULEVARD TREE

- The Tregator bag is designed to be a slow-release watering system in the spring to deliver the appropriate volume of water directly to your new tree's root system. The bag eliminates run-off, evaporation, and the "How much?" guessing game.
- **Your year 1 responsibility: Fill the Tregator bag twice a week (3 times a week during scorching summer months) until the temperatures cool in the late fall.**



If you prefer not to use the watering bag, it is recommended to use an oscillating sprinkler on the boulevard to water the whole area around the tree so that the growing roots receive water as well.

All other tree maintenance issues will be managed by the Forestry department.

Thank you for your commitment to a healthy urban forest. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

