

# PLEASE WATER YOUR TREES!



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Newly-planted trees need to be watered regularly over the summer months if they are going to become established and thrive.

**If you have a tree outside your house, or one that you pass on your daily walk, then you can help.**

Requirements vary depending on a number of factors such as species and location, but a general rule is that they should receive at least **50 litres of water per week** in May, June, July and August:

**Please water regularly during dry periods with as much as you can – Every little helps**



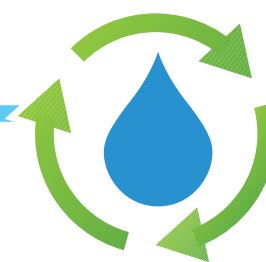
Watering should ideally be carried out in the early morning or evening.



It is good practice to water trees for the first three years after planting.



If the tree has a watering pipe, then half of the water should be poured down the pipe and the other half on the surface of the tree.  
If the tree has a watering bag, then fill that.



Where possible, water should be sustainably sourced. Harvested rainwater is ideal, but bath water, or water which has been used for the washing up, is also suitable.

More information about tree watering can be found in the **London Tree Officers Association (LTOA)** publication *Sustainable water management*, available for free download at [www.ltoa.org.uk](http://www.ltoa.org.uk)

General information about trees and tree care can be found at the **Arboricultural Association** website [www.trees.org.uk](http://www.trees.org.uk)

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