

How to Water Trees

New Trees

- It takes 3 years to establish strong roots. Consistent watering in first few years is crucial for tree growth/success!
- Water 1-2 times per week depending on tree species, soil type, and season.
- Build a 5-inch berm around the tree trunk, approximately two feet out from trunk. Fill the berm with water and let it slowly sink in. For retain soil moisture, fill the berm with wood chip mulch.

Mature Trees

- Mature trees must be watered in New Mexico.
- Frequency depends on tree species, soil type, and season.
- Water at the drip line of the tree canopy.
- Water SLOWLY to a depth of 18-24 inches.
- See [Everything You Need to Know About Effective Tree Watering](#).
- See [505Outside: Water by the Seasons](#).

How to Test for Soil Moisture

Push a long screw-driver or metal rod into the soil. The rod will advance into the soil with little resistance to the level where the soil is no longer moist. If the soil is not moist to 24 inches, KEEP WATERING!

