

## Water Guidelines

Watering is the single most important step in the survival of the newly planted tree (s). A strict regiment of a 90 day water guide will need to be followed.

*1st set of 30 days after planting; water every day*

*2nd set of 30 days after planting; water every other day*

*3rd set of 30 days after planting; water every 3 days or twice a week*

After the initial 90 day watering schedule; water 1 (once) a week and more often during times of shortage in rainfall. If your tree shows signs of wilting or leaves turning brown and falling off, water daily until tree shows no sign of wilting and new growth begins.



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## Tree-mendous Tampa Program

Originally established as the Community Tree Program in 1997, it continues to grow and branch into what is now .

**Tree-mendous Tampa Program**  
This free program is open to any City of Tampa residents willing to commit to helping their community and neighborhood increase their urban forest.

## How it Works

- ◆ Resident submits an on-line request at [www.tampagov.net/FreeTree](http://www.tampagov.net/FreeTree)
- ◆ Response to your request is handled within 24 hours M-F.
- ◆ Field Technician is assigned to your request.
- ◆ Field Technician will contact you to set an appointment. In some cases appointments may not be needed if confirmation can be made by phone communication.
- ◆ Each site will be inspected to carefully match the new tree(s) with the existing landscape conditions.
- ◆ Confirmation of choice and planting location.
- ◆ Request is placed on scheduled planting list.
- ◆ 811 Dig Locate is notified and marked.
- ◆ Within days of the ROW being 811 Located the new tree(s) arrive.
- ◆ When you arrive home to find your new FREE TREE(s), the rest is up to you for the next year. It's life and benefits to you and your community are now in your hands!
- ◆ Field Technician will take a picture of the new Free Tree(s) at time of planting, 30 day post planting and final end of year picture and attach to your file.

## FAQ's

### How long will the process take?

*Our goal is to have the tree planted within 2-3 weeks of receiving the request.*

### Will I need to be home when it's planted?

*No, our Field Technician will be with the contractor during the planting.*

### How big or tall are the trees?

*Depending on the specie selected, all root balls are 30 gallon, caliper differs according to specie. Average range from 1/2' to 2". Average height is 4' to 8'.*

### I have an automated irrigation system, do I still need to follow the 90 day water guide?

*Yes! Almost all irrigation systems are geared towards providing water for your turf, shrubs and ground covers. Your new tree(s) will require consistent deep root watering with a slow reduction of frequency to allow establishment.*

### When it rains, I don't have to water my tree(s) right?

*Wrong! Afternoon thunderstorms or intermittent rain does not provide sufficient water for establishment.*

### If the tree(s) dies, will you plant another?

*We may or may not replace depending on our findings as to why the tree failed.*

### What else will I have to do to the tree?

*Watch it grow! Your FREE TREE was planted with its initial boost of fertilizer. Your FREE TREE was staked at time of planting, do not remove these stakes, we will remove them when the time is right. Your FREE TREE was mulched, please keep intruding weeds and turf away from the trunk of the tree.*

### My tree looks sick, what do I do?

*Give us a call, 813-274-7733. We will come out and take a look to determine the cause of concern.*

## I don't have access to a computer, how can I submit a request?

*Simply give us a call! We can gather all the information to fill out a request for you. **813-274-7733***