

## Fall is for watering your trees!

Continue to water your trees and shrubs generously until the ground freezes and before the icy desert known as winter arrives! Even though the hardwood trees may be leafless and the evergreens are not actively growing, all trees lose water through transpiration from bark, buds, and if evergreen, through the needles. Therefore root systems need to be fully stocked with sufficient water to get them through the drying winter winds and ready to resume growth when spring finally arrives.

After watering your trees with a soaker hose, sprinkler, gator bag, or water ring as seen in the picture, mulch your trees to help maintain soil moisture and offer insulating protection to the roots during the sub-zero temperatures. Add an organic mulch layer 2-4" deep around the tree as wide as you can tolerate but, to avoid stem damage, not against the trunk.

Visit here for more information on watering:

<http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2008/04/seasonal-care-of-trees-shrubs-watering/>



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