



# WATERING & INSTALLATION GUIDELINE FORM FOR SUMMER DUG TREES

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**\*\*\*ALL B&B TREES NEED TO BE PLANTED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DELIVERY.\*\*\***

## **Initial Transplant Period (First 4-6 Weeks):**

- Water deeply **immediately** upon receiving and planting any tree to help reduce the amount of shock at installation, and to allow the soil to settle.
- All B&B trees are going to shock to some degree, especially in the summer months. It is critical to **WATER DAILY** for the **FIRST FEW WEEKS** to help reduce the amount of shock the tree undergoes after the initial transplant.
- **The roots must stay hydrated** for the first few weeks after installation, no matter the size of the tree. This allows it to acclimate properly, as the root ball is not established to support the tree without regular watering. Even trees that are fully mature in size will shock detrimentally if they are not adequately watered during and after installation, as this guideline explains.
- During the first few weeks, it is **crucial** to provide enough water to reach the entire root ball deeply every day. We recommend following a general guideline of 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter, per day.

## **Post-Transplant Period (Subsequent 6-12 Weeks):**

- As the tree begins establishing its root system, **gradually** reduce daily watering frequency to 1-2 times per week.
- However, during the **SUMMER MONTHS**, when temperatures are high and evaporation rates increase, we strongly recommend maintaining a higher watering frequency to help prevent soil moisture stress and to allow the root system ample time to acclimate.

## **Establishment Period (12 Weeks to 1 Year):**

- Throughout the summer months, monitor soil moisture levels closely. Adjust watering frequency based on environmental conditions, **especially in the heat conditions experienced in the southeast region of the U.S.**
- During periods of hot, dry weather, increase watering frequency as needed to prevent further stress to the tree, and ensure adequate hydration requirements are met during the establishment period.
- It is **important to note**, trees that undergo frequent periods of stress from inadequate watering during the establishment period will not perform well, and may show signs of stunted growth, sparse foliage, and/or other issues.
- Consider supplementing natural rainfall with additional irrigation to maintain consistent soil moisture levels without overwatering, or allowing the soil to dry out completely.
- Depending on the variety, trees can take 2-10 years to become well-established after transplanting. Expect to monitor soil moisture levels and provide supplemental watering for at least the **first year** (or longer) after installation, regardless of tree variety.

**Name of Person Receiving Tree Delivery:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Signature Acknowledging Review of Watering Guidelines & Agreement***

*\*By signing this Watering Guideline Form, the client accepts all responsibility for any summer dug tree delivered by Green Dynamix, and agrees to properly care for all tree materials ordered, according to the watering guideline instructions detailed above. Summer dug trees will not be accepted for return if a Watering Guideline Form is not signed and returned to us upon delivery of trees ordered. Additionally, any trees showing indications of a lack of sufficient and consistent watering may not be accepted for return. Green Dynamix reserves the right to refuse any return request of materials damaged after delivery has taken place. Proper tree care, planting methods, and a suitable planted location are additional factors to consider to reduce tree shocking. Before installment, a dedicated watering and/or irrigation schedule should be in place for optimal tree health and growth habits.*