Watering

When And How To Water:

Trees: Once a month, heavily for 12 to 24 hours with a sprinkler, especially in

May if it is a dry spring.

New Trees: Once a week for 1 to 2 hours.

Grass: Once a week with 1" of water, or about an hour, with a sprinkler.

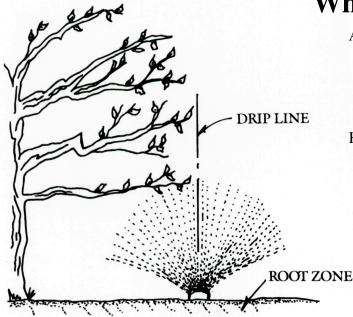
Watering more often than once a week drives oxygen out of the soil,

killing tree roots and causing grass roots to grow too shallow.

New seed or new sod is the exception.

Where To Water:

- A. Place sprinkler at the drip line for about 3 to 4 hours, moving it two to four times around the perimeter.
- B. OR cover half of your yard with a far reaching sprinkler over night and the other half of the yard during the day.



Tree and shrub roots are close to the surface and reach far beyond the spread of the branches.

WhyWater:

Grass turns brown so we know it needs water.

When a tree or shrub turns brown it is too late too help it.

Mature trees/shrubs in suburban landscapes are under stress because their roots are restricted, unlike in a forest.

NOTE: Four inches of an organic mulch on tree roots is the best method to improve your trees' general health and drought tolerance. Ask for our abstract on Mulching.