



# AUGUST IS THE PERFECT TIME TO GIVE URBAN TREES A GOOD SOAK

The City of Florence Public Works is reminding homeowners that late July and early August is an ideal time to give trees a deep watering to help them survive the hot, dry summer.

“By the end of July, our soils are very dry,” said Mike Miller, Public Works Director. “Even on the coast, hot, sunny days put trees under stress, making them vulnerable to pests, early leaf loss, and even death.”

Miller recommends:

Young trees  
(1–3 years old)

15 gallons once a week;  
more during heat waves



Trees 4–10  
years old

20–30 gallons  
every other week



Mature trees

A deep soaking once a  
month



Even established trees benefit from a few deep waterings during summer. Water slowly near the base of the tree to allow moisture to soak into the roots. Using a bucket with small holes or a soaker hose can help water penetrate deeply.

Tips for best results:

- Water in the morning or evening to reduce evaporation
- Mulch to retain soil moisture, but keep mulch away from the trunk
- Know your tree species and adjust watering based on its drought tolerance and sun exposure

The last weeks of July and August are “Soak It Weeks,” a reminder to give your trees, including rhododendrons, the water they need to thrive.

Learn more: [Watering Your Trees \(PDF\)](#).