# Mostuire: KNOWING WHEN TO WATER

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|  |  Pull back mulch. Feel about 3 inches into the soil and check for moisture. |
|  | If you feel moisture, it is not yet time to water. |
|  | If you feel no moisture, go ahead and begin watering. |
|  | If you are still unsure whether your tree is getting appropriate water saturation, you can purchase a very inexpensive instrument called a hydrometer to help you determine your best practices for your site.  |

# Watering: saturation is key

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|  |  Make sure the mulch around the trunk of your tree is pulled back. (About a donut shape away) |
|  | Turn the hose on at a pencil-width trickle. |
|  | Set the hose at the base of the trunk. (Where the mulch is pulled back.) |
|  | Leave the hose on for about 15-20 minutes, until the entire root ball is saturated with water. \*Times may vary with the season, temperatures, and soil type. |
|  | Once the root ball is saturated, give your tree time to process the water. |
|  | In high temperatures, adjust watering amounts as necessary, but remain at the usual frequency. In colder months, reduce the frequency and amount, but keep the ball moist. DO NOT let your trees freeze dry.  |