Information about your recently planted tree (in the last two years) and its care
Kitchener’s community tree stewardship & watering program

- You are receiving this information because a new tree was recently planted (in the last two years) on city property near your house. These trees are identified by a green watering bag at the base.
- To ensure this tree survives and grows vigorously, it requires special care for the first two years.
- To learn more about how you can help, please read this flyer.

Two vital, but simple, actions you can take to grow that recently planted tree(s) during their first two years;

1. Weekly tree watering

Weekly watering during the growing season (spring to fall) is the most important activity to ensure recently planted trees survive and grow. This year across the city there are more than 2,000 trees that require water each week. With three watering trucks on the road, the city only has the capacity to water 60 per cent of the trees weekly.

To ensure that all of the recently planted trees survive, the city needs the community to water at least 40 percent of the trees planted. If you are willing to water your tree please read the information on the back of this flyer and then contact us. We will put blue flagging tape on your tree to identify that you are helping out.

2. Protect your new tree

At the time of planting mulch was placed around the tree, but kept away from the trunk. Mounding the mulch up against the tree damages the trunk and stresses the tree.

Recently planted trees are under stress until they develop a full root system. You can help avoid adding new stresses to your tree by: not disturbing the mulched area; not placing objects or plants around the tree; and by keeping lawn mowers and grass trimmers well away from the base of the tree.

Growing healthy neighbourhoods, one tree at a time.
Volunteering to water your tree is easy & inexpensive!

- To become one of Kitchener’s urban forest volunteers, contact us by email or phone (see below for contact information). Our goal this year is to have 40 to 60 percent of the trees watered by the community. Please help us in reaching that goal.

- Did you know that during a normal season it will only cost you about $10 a year, and it will only take 5 or 10 minutes a week?

If you are already volunteering to water your tree ...

- First of all, we want to thank you for helping Kitchener grow its future urban forest.

- If you have not signed up for our weekly email to tell you how much water your tree requires, send us an email with the word “alert” in the subject line.

- If you are having any problems please contact us.

Each week the city will identify, via the city website, social media, email alerts, how much water recently planted trees require. This week's watering requirement is (circled symbol)

- **NORMAL**: Fill water bag ONCE \ week
- **DRY**: Fill water bag TWICE \ week
- **WET**: No watering required.

All tree watering must comply with the Region of Waterloo - Water Conservation By-Law #07-069.

A community-based tree watering program reduces costs because recently planted trees have a better chance of surviving and remaining healthy. It also builds stronger neighbourhoods because residents are active stewards of the urban forest.

If you require more information, please connect with us

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