

# Village of Westmont Environmental Improvement Committee



## ***TREE WATERING TIPS***

### WHY IS TREE CARE IMPORTANT?

#### **TREES -**

- Keep us cooler
- Make communities healthier
- Increase property values
- Help manage stormwater
- Clean the air we breathe



# ***WATERING NEWLY PLANTED TREES***

- Young trees should be watered at the base
- Most trees need 10 gallons of water per week for each diameter inch of the tree
- Use a ruler to measure your tree's diameter at 6" above ground



# ***WATERING NEWLY PLANTED TREES***

- Tree bags are an easy way to water new trees
- Follow the instructions included on the bag
- Fill tree bags at least once a week



# ***WATERING NEWLY PLANTED TREES FOR WINTER***

- **Continue watering until the ground freezes**
- **If the soil is dry, trees can't store enough water as they go dormant**



# ***WATERING ESTABLISHED TREES***

- Once a tree is established, apply water in a wide band around the outer reaches of the tree's canopy, called the dripline
- During hot, dry weather, water as often as 3 times per week
- Still use 10 gallons of water for each diameter inch of tree measured 6" above ground



# ***FOR MORE GREEN IDEAS***



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