



TREE CARE GUIDE

for community canopy stewards

TRUNK PROTECTION

Do not:

Use tree wrap - it can hide and increase problems beneath the wrap.

Do:

- Use tree guards to protect the trunk.
- Monitor plastic guards at least once per season.
- Remove guards before they start to rub against the trunk.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for choosing to add tree canopy on the East Side!

Being a steward helps increase greenery and environmental health in our neighborhood. Your tree and this care guide are provided by Urban Roots in partnership with Frogtown Green.

WATER



Trees, like people, need water to function and grow. How much water do they need? And when should they get it?

- New trees (planted within the last 3-5 years) need **5 gallons of water once a week**. This sounds expensive, but weekly watering **costs less than a cup of coffee** - under \$2.50/week.
- Skip watering if it has **rained more than 1 inch in a week**.
- Save time and money by **using a soaker hose or a device that slowly applies water** instead of a sprinkler. A cost-effective alternative is drilling 2 to 3, 1/8th inch holes into a 5-gallon bucket to set next to the tree. Fill it up with water once a week and it'll do the work for you!

Your new tree is a:

