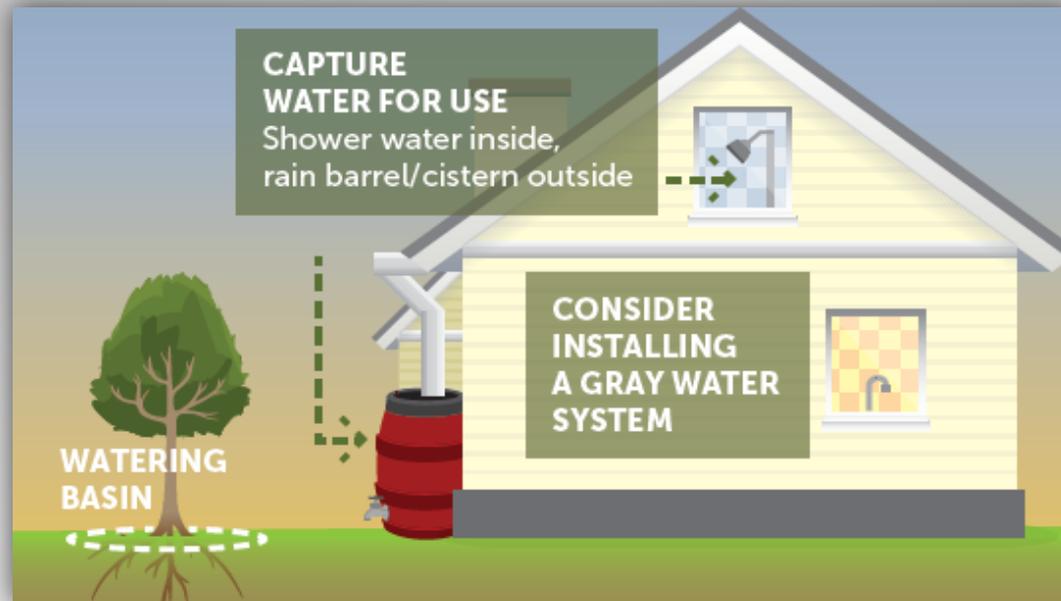




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# How to Keep Trees Alive in the Drought

During the drought, trees need our help!  
A tree may look healthy with less water but they can become stressed:  
with dry and sparse leaf coverage, dead and dying branches.



***When it comes to sharing our water, trees should be our priority!***

# How to Keep Trees Alive in the Drought

## Watering Young Trees



How often:

- About once a week.

How much:

- About 15-20 gallons of water (3 or 4 5-gallon buckets).

How to do it:

- Create a 3-4 foot wide basin around the tree to hold the water. Use a bucket to deliver water slowly into the basin.



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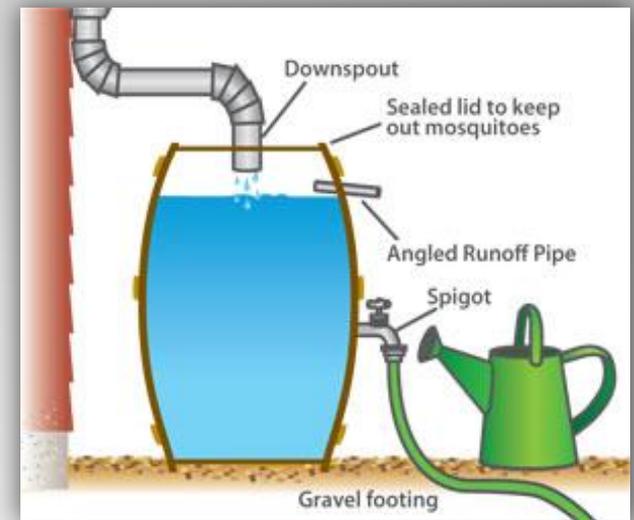
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## Check First!

- Dig your finger into the soil at least 4 inches and check for moisture.
- If the soil is still wet, don't water.
- If it's dry, water the tree.

## Use Captured Water!

- Collect excess water from indoor use – put a bucket in the shower while it warms up!
- install rain barrels or a cistern to collect rain water.



## Mulch!

- Add four inches of mulch or wood chips covering the soil around the tree.
- Cover any bubbler hose too.

# How to Keep Trees Alive in the Drought

## Watering Mature Trees



### How often:

- About once or twice a month.

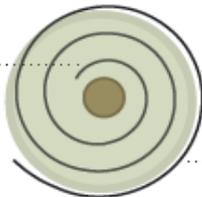
### How much:

- Water should soak down at least 18". Check using a long screwdriver.
- Tree size and soil type will determine how much water is needed.

### How to do it:

- Use a "bubbler" hose found at home improvement stores.
- Start about 9" from the trunk and spiral outward in concentric circles.

Start 9"  
from  
the tree



End at  
edge of  
outer  
branches