

# TREE PLANTINGS ON CITY BOULEVARD

Engineering Operations  
Urban Forestry



Dear Resident,

There's a new tree outside! You hopefully have seen that Delta crews planted new street trees fronting your property this past year. We thank you for welcoming these valuable new assets to your neighbourhood and we want to share some important tips on how to keep them happy and healthy this summer.

- **The most important is water.** The first 3 years are critical for establishment and we encourage your assistance to fill the watering bags twice a week during the summer months. Deep watering will help the roots grow and the tree thrive!
- **Mulching.** We have added bark mulch to the base of the tree which helps the soil retain moisture, it suppresses weed competition, and helps keep damaging lawn equipment away from the trunk. Please don't remove the mulch or pile it high on the trunk, and please avoid planting anything at the base that will compete for water.

Frequently asked questions about summer tree care:

1. **Can Delta supply a watering bag for my tree?** Yes, Delta will install a watering bag on new city owned trees for the first 3 years. If you have a new tree and have not received a bag by late June, please call. If you have an older tree of 3+ years, Delta can provide a bag at your request and we ask that you assist in watering.
2. **Why is my bag leaking water?** Tree bags are designed to hold 15 gal of water which slowly disperse through two small holes at the bottom. Typically the water is fully released within a few hours and soaked into the root ball. If you see damage or believe the bag is not draining, please call.
3. **Why should I water Delta's tree and have a higher water bill?** We believe the Urban Forest is a valuable public asset which benefits the whole community and we can all help grow it. If you're on a water meter you may be surprised to learn that with each 15 gal of tree water, its only .06 cents on your meter.

Special care has been taken to select trees and locations that provide the maximum aesthetic and environmental benefits, yet minimize the potential conflicts with existing landscapes or overhead and below ground utilities. The preferred tree species and locations have been chosen to meet the goals of our Urban Forest Strategy and Action Plan adopted by Council in 2020.

Delta's tree planting initiatives occur through a variety of ways, such as the Urban Reforestation Project, the Trees for Tomorrow program, Development Applications, Capital Road Improvements, and Maintenance Replacement. As trees play a critical role in our community by cleaning the air, absorbing rainwater, moderating temperature, providing habitat, and improving our health and well-being.

To learn more about our Urban Forest Strategy, please visit [delta.ca/trees](https://delta.ca/trees) or call 604-946-3260 to report any concerns.

Sincerely,

City of Delta - Urban Forestry