

# New Street Trees For Boston

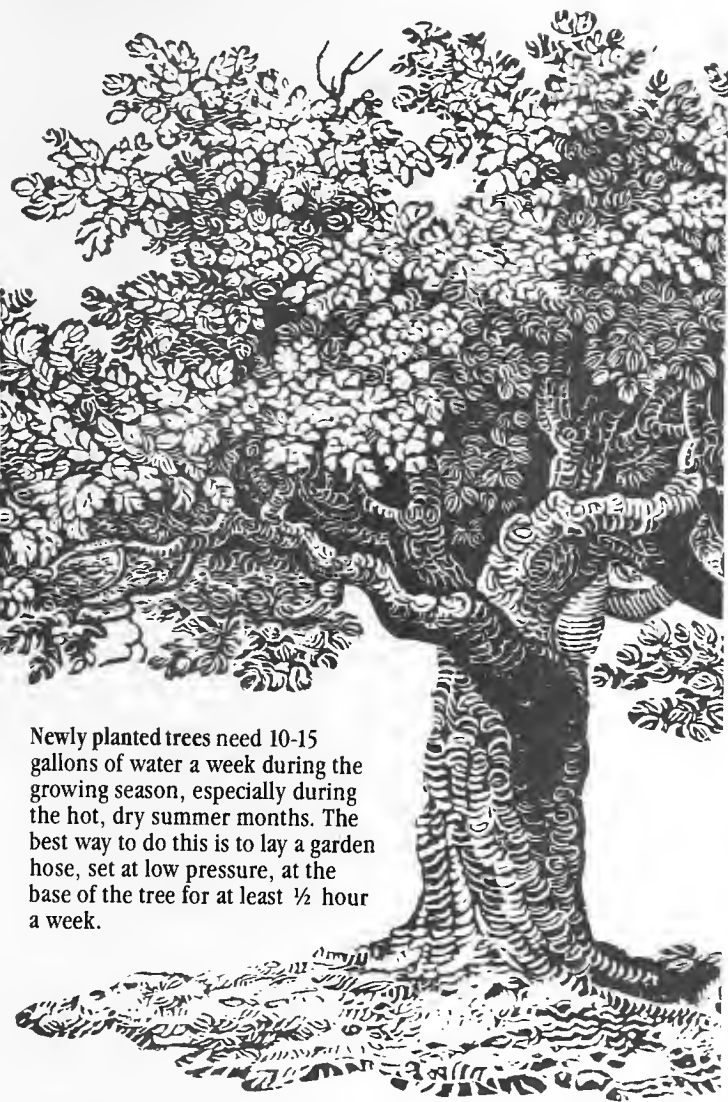
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The City of Boston has just planted a new street tree at this location as part of a greater effort to re-green the neighborhoods of the city.

Trees make a valuable contribution to life in the city but they need our care and protection. Trees provide oxygen, humidity, shade and great seasonal beauty to our city streets. Young trees need your help to stay healthy and thrive.

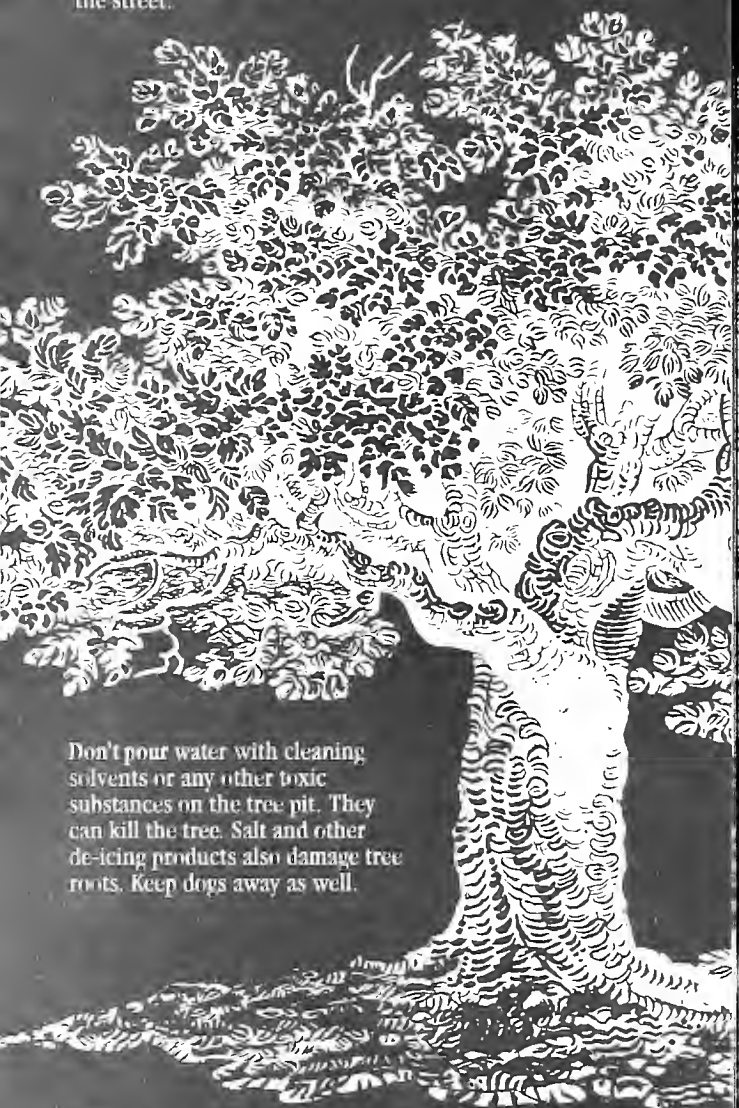


Newly planted trees need 10-15 gallons of water a week during the growing season, especially during the hot, dry summer months. The best way to do this is to lay a garden hose, set at low pressure, at the base of the tree for at least ½ hour a week.

Your new tree is a

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The tree pit should be kept clear of weeds and debris and the soil should be kept loose so that water can reach the roots. New mulch added to the tree pit each spring will help retain water and prevent weed growth. The tree pit area can be planted with ground covers, perennials or annuals. If carefully planted, they will also help prevent compaction of the soil, will reduce weeds, and will help beautify the street.



Don't pour water with cleaning solvents or any other toxic substances on the tree pit. They can kill the tree. Salt and other de-icing products also damage tree roots. Keep dogs away as well.

With just minimal care, your tree will flourish and add beauty to your neighborhood for many years to come.

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