

Your trees need TLC

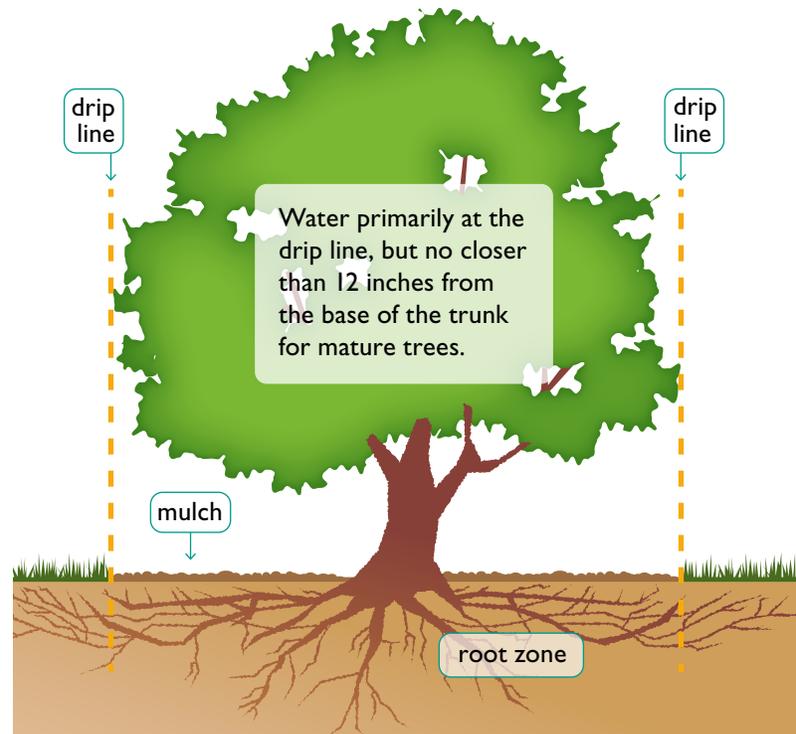
It's the picture of summer: kicking your feet up and relaxing under a leafy tree. What would we do without our majestic maples and stately sycamores? They improve air quality, keep homes cool and make a patio or yard the perfect place to unwind.

But after four years of drought, trees are feeling the stress. It's time to give them tender loving care (which is possible even during a drought.) Smart watering methods are key to saving trees and saving water. For established trees, water deeply and slowly, once a month, getting the water to seep down about 12 to 18 inches. Doing so trains roots to grow deeper.

Tree care tips (choose what works for you!)

- Blanket the area under your trees, avoiding the trunk area, with a three- to five-inch layer of mulch, which seals moisture in.
- Install a drip irrigation system that works like a soaker hose, with drip holes spaced about a foot apart.
- Coil a soaker hose from the tree's drip line, circling inward about half way to the trunk. Turn the hose on for 30 minutes and then wait an hour. Repeat about five or six times in a day, avoiding the day's peak heat. Do this once a month.
- Try this easy method: Get a five-gallon bucket, drill a hole in the bottom and place it within the tree drip line. Fill it with warm-up water from the shower or kitchen. The water will seep deep into the soil. Move the bucket and refill to water the entire root zone.

More tree tips at ebmud.com/trees.



Plants that shine in the shade

Try these low-water use plants under your trees:

- Bear's breeches
Acanthus mollis
- Kaffir lily
Clivia miniata
- Cyclamen
hederifolium
- Red barrenwort
Epimedium x rubrum
- Coral bells
Heuchera micrantha
'Palace Purple'
- Bearberry
Arctostaphylos
uva-ursi
- California holly
grape
Mahonia pinnata
- Red-flowering currant
Ribes sanguineum
- Evergreen currant
Ribes viburnifolium
- Sweet box
Sarcococca bookerana
humilis

Drought update

The good news: snowfall and precipitation this winter raised water levels at EBMUD's Pardee, Camanche and East Bay reservoirs, improving our current water supply. To understand statewide and local water needs, EBMUD awaits key indicators such as the

state's snowpack survey, which measures how much water is contained in the snowpack, our projections for total runoff in the Mokelumne watershed and statewide drought restrictions per Governor Brown.

The EBMUD Board of Directors is expected to evaluate our drought status, conservation goals, water use restrictions and other measures in May.

Get the latest news at ebmud.com/drought.

50 years of reservoir fun

June marks the 50th anniversary of EBMUD's Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area, a destination that draws over a million visitors a year looking to hike, picnic, fish, or just enjoy a moment of solitude overlooking the water.

The 928-acre Lafayette Reservoir has picnic areas, a playground, boat rentals and meadows for running around. But the most popular feature is the paved 2.7-mile loop around the reservoir. Visitors get exercise while enjoying views of rolling hills. If you're looking for a more challenging hike, take a detour by the playground or the ends of the parking lot and take the Rim Trail, a more rigorous 4.7-mile loop that rewards hikers with spectacular views of the San Ramon Valley, Mount Diablo and a bird's eye view of the reservoir.

Check out a photo gallery dedicated to Lafayette Reservoir at ebmud.com/lafayette-reservoir.



Opening day at Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area on June 13, 1966.

Update on your EBMUD payment options

EBMUD has a new payment provider that offers customers a lower transaction fee for one-time payments. The new transaction fee is \$1.99. You can pay by credit card, debit card or e-check. To pay by phone, call the toll free number: 1-888-963-0909 or pay online at ebmud.com/payments.

Scam alert: Beware of imposters

EBMUD has received reports from customers who are being phoned by individuals pretending to be EBMUD representatives. The imposters threaten to shut off water service unless a payment is made immediately at a local pay station. Remember, EBMUD provides past-due notices in writing before service is shut off for nonpayment. If you suspect a caller is impersonating an EBMUD employee, please hang up and call EBMUD anytime at 1-866-403-2683.

Learn more about spotting imposters at ebmud.com/imposters.



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