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Out on a Limb Tree Care Tips for the Tampa Bay Region

Quote

“The best friend of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources of the Earth.” -- Frank Lloyd Wright

Tree Care Tip 1 Caring for newly planted trees

Water is probably the most important element in caring for new trees and shrubs. Newly planted trees or shrubs have not developed root systems to adequately capture the moisture needed for growth and health. Soil type and the amount of rainfall govern the amount of watering necessary. On most sandy soils, such as ours in the Tampa Bay region, two inches of water per week throughout the warm and dry season (March-June) is required to establish and maintain good growth. This is a bit more than you will find in general online publications on irrigating newly plant trees because our sandy soils drain away water very quickly.



View of Nebraska Ave Tampa FL in the early 20th century.

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Want to learn more about irrigating your newly planted trees contact me at northrop@ufl.edu or go online and read what University of Florida scientists have to say - <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/irrigation2.shtml> and <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/irrigation-research.shtml>

Tree Care Tip 2 Finding professional arborists

International Society of Arboriculture

Trees in our yards, community open spaces and along our boulevards are long-term investments that provide health, aesthetic and other benefits to our families and communities. The efficient (cost effective) management of our trees requires occasional professional care the we as individuals may not be able to accomplish on our own.

The International Society of Arboriculture is one of two organizations in the U.S. that represent and support professional arborists. Through their continuing educational programs and system of credentials they offer the Tampa Bay Region the best opportunity for engaging true professional arborists in the care of our landscape trees.

To find an ISA arborist who works in your area visit this easy to use web site <https://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist>

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