

JUNCTION ADOPT A STREET TREE (JAAS) WATERING GUIDE

WHAT A VOLUNTEER SHOULD KNOW AND BRING TO WATER TREES:

Gardening gloves, a gardening fork to gently loosen soil, bag to collect bit of garbage from around the trees. Sun hat & sunscreen are a good idea too. Although we supply watering cans, you may wish to bring your own as well.

Watering generally starts in May and ends at the end of October depending on the amount of rain.

WATER SOURCES WE USE

Keele Street Firehall and West Toronto Baptist Church on Dundas just west of High Park Ave.

WHAT WE USE

We have a sturdy cart that is easy for 2 people to pull. On this cart is a rain barrel which we fill to a marked line. We supply several plastic watering cans which stay with the cart.

Be aware that it can be a challenging physical task to pull the filled barrel & haul water from it with the watering cans.

WHAT THE TREES NEED

Each tree requires 3 full watering cans. If the soil appears compacted & hard **gently** loosen it with your tool taking care not to harm the fine surface roots. Take your time when you water so the water can be fully absorbed by the soil.

WATERING ROUTES

There are 4 routes that cover both sides of Dundas West in the Junction from Indian Grove in the east to Quebec Ave in the west. You will be taken on a tour of the routes before committing to volunteer. We water only the smaller street trees. The large ones seem to find enough water to survive.

Ideally we would like to have 2 teams of 2 people per route so trees can get watered twice per week.

A route generally takes 1 ½ to 2 hours to water. Each team can choose the most convenient day & time to water their routes. Please let Rose our Volunteer Co-ordinator know the day & time you prefer to water so she can keep track of all schedules to avoid overlaps. If you will be unable to water, please let Rose know with as much advance notice as possible so she can arrange for a substitute waterer while you are away.

Although it can be hard work it is also very rewarding to help our lovely trees survive the hot summer.

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