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Green Giant Tree Care

Watering Schedule:

- Water every other day for 2 weeks (after initial installation)
- After the first 2 weeks
 - o Water daily (above 80 degrees)
 - o Water every other day (70-80 degrees)
 - o Water twice a week (60-70 degrees)
 - o Below 60 degrees, no need to water
- **After the first year you shouldn't need to water your trees any longer**
- **Underwatering can damage or kill your trees. If you are not watering consistently, they will warn you by starting to turn brown.**
- **Overwatering can damage or kill your trees. If you are watering consistently and your trees start to turn brown, then you are watering too much. Some soils do not drain as well as others and you may need to water your trees with less water or less often to compensate. Trees do not like wet feet; they want to dry out a couple of times a week.**

Watering Instructions:

- Try to soak each tree's root ball before moving on
- You want to leave your hose on each tree at about 1/3 power so that the water doesn't quickly run off but begins to soak down into the ground
- You are trying to get about 2+ gallons of water to each tree slowly
- Water when the sun is not out (if you can, if not, try for cooler times of the day), watering during the heat of day can lead to rapid evaporation
- **This can be time consuming if you don't use a soaker hose**

Deer Protection:

- Although deer do not normally bother your green giants, you may find bucks thrashing them (rare) or other deer grazing on them when other food sources are scarce.
- **Deer Grazing:** Apply deer off and/or deer fence once a month during winter months. Alternate products every year to prevent acclimation to one or the other product.
- **Buck Thrashing:** In this worst-case scenario, you may have to wrap your trees in screening during the fall/winter (this will prevent deer grazing too)

What you can expect:

- **Winter:** over the winter the tips of your tree may turn brown. Once temperatures warm up in the spring your tree will return to a dark green again.
- **Growth:** The first year can be underwhelming. Your tree needs a good year or more to really establish its root system. After the first year or two you can expect anywhere from 2-4' of growth each year. Also, your tree should fill in nicely and look more and more beautiful each year.