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When is it enough...?

After being out in the field on a daily basis I have frequently gotten this question from the client when the project was done: "How much water is enough for my tree?"

Another question was: "Is my irrigation system going to give it enough water because I am headed away on vacation in a week and maybe I will just bump up the time?" My response to this was always no, because a normal irrigation system is set up for about a ½" of water, to give the grass enough water to grow and keep up.

And how do you explain that you should keep a hose on new plants at a slow trickle for water? Even any of your perennials need more water than what your irrigation system will supply unless there is a drip system in for



that area. If you think about the heat we have had recently you could have doubled the amount that you would need for those trees or perennials that you installed.

Here at the Plant Center we have a few options to use. One of the most popular ones is the Gator bags, holding anywhere from 15 to 20 gallons of water. What they do is slowly let a controlled amount of water seep from small holes at the bottom so that you cannot over or under water them in theory. All you need to really do is fill them up and check on them at least once a week and see how they are doing and when empty just fill them up again. This seems like a long process to do but it is easier having to go back either this year or even next and replace the tree.



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