We're planting together for the future, and we wish you success with your tree! We invite you to follow these practices, and to seek our assistance should you have any concerns about your tree.

Watering: As soon as your tree is planted, watering should begin.

How to water: Good watering practice includes a slow, long, deep and infrequent watering. There are multiple ways to deep root water a tree, and all have the desired effect – encouraging the roots to grow deep into the soil. A slow soak allows the water to deeply surround the root ball. As the soil dries from the top downward, the roots begin to follow, seeking more moisture. Roots require oxygen as well water, thus it is important to ensure proper drainage reducing the likelihood of standing water surrounding the roots.

When to water: Before watering, always gauge the level of moisture in the first several inches of soil. If the soil is moist, there is no need to water. Feeling the soil is the best indication of when to water as requirements change based on location and environmental factors. i.e soil type, season, precipitation.

*It is important for trees and shrubs to enter the winter with adequate moisture within the root zone. Watering into late November/early December until freeze-up may be necessary depending on precipitation received.

Mulching: Connon Nurseries sells multiple types of mulches and they all help to retain moisture, reduce watering and keep weeds away. We encourage you to select a mulch product and apply it at a depth of approximately 1-2 inches. Ensure that an area of 2 inches around the trunk is free from mulch to allow for air circulation.

Fertilizing: A strong and healthy root system below ground, results in a healthy and happy plant above ground! We encourage you to fertilize your new plantings with a transplant fertilizer or Root Booster. The formulation of the product should contain a higher amount of phosphorous (middle digit of the formula i.e 5-15-5) to encourage root development. Follow product directions for best results.