



Water Bag Installation Instructions

The instructions below are provided by Treegator



Step 1: Place the bag against the trunk, wrap both sides around the trunk until zippers meet. Zip up the bag.



Step 2: Lift up tag at top of bag to expose fill opening. Insert water hose (up to 3 inch diameter) into fill opening, turn on water supply and begin filling. Fill bag only to approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ capacity.



Step 3: Gently lift up on the two black straps at top of bag in order to fully expand bottom. Release handles and set bag back down, then continue filling with water.



Step 4: Once full, the bag will slowly drain over 5 to 9 hours. Refill the bag once a week from May to October for the first three growing seasons. After three years, please reuse the bag on other trees on your property or contact Service Barrie to request pickup. Bags will not be picked up unless requested. See the back side of the sheet for more details.

If you have any concerns with the watering bag or your boulevard tree, please contact Service Barrie by phone at 705-726-4242 or email ServiceBarrie@barrie.ca



Water bags provide great benefits to young trees. They allow water to drain slowly, keeping the roots well watered and help establish the tree. Once you have used the bag on your new boulevard tree, you can reuse it on other young trees and help them thrive too.

City staff will no longer pick up watering bags unless specifically requested. Watering bags are left with the homeowner for continued use on their boulevard tree or any

other trees on the property. If you are unable to remove the bag yourself or no longer wish to keep it, please email or call Service Barrie, and we will arrange for it to be picked up.

How to remove and store the bag for winter

1. Let it fully drain. If there is water remaining, tilt or flip the bag to allow all water to escape.
2. Unzip/detach the bag—unfasten the bag from around the tree and gently pull it free.
3. Remove dirt, leaves, spider webs, etc. from the bag. You may rinse the outside lightly with water if needed. Be sure the bag is completely dry before storing.
4. Fold or roll the bag loosely, and store it in a cool, dry place (e.g. garage, shed, basement).

How to reinstall in spring

1. Position the watering bag around the tree trunk, handles facing upward.
2. Wrap both sides around the trunk until the zippers meet, then zip from bottom to top.
3. Lift the tag (or flap) to expose the fill opening.
4. Insert a hose into the opening and begin filling.
5. Fill the bag to about $\frac{1}{4}$ capacity, then gently lift the straps at the top to help the bottom expand.
6. Once the bag settles, continue filling until full, and allow it to drip/empty naturally.
7. Refill once per week through the summer as needed.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to our urban forest.

The City of Barrie Forestry Department
