

Summer Watering Volunteer needs

Join Our Summer Watering Crew
July through September



Why water trees on school grounds?

Public school campuses account for hundreds of acres across our county, often featuring large expanses of empty, impervious surfaces (like concrete and blacktop) that desperately need tree cover. Schools also serve as neighborhood hubs and host hundreds of children every day, so taking care of schoolyard trees maximizes the number of people who directly benefit from cleaner air and cooler microclimates. In addition, our region is in the worst megadrought on record. A megadrought is a period of extreme dryness that lasts for decades.

Which school grounds are being helped?

Beaverton's Vose Elementary School was our pilot site in 2025. This summer we will continue our work there, and we are laying the ground to add other sites in Forest Grove.

Watering is simple but essential.

We will make frequent watering trips to targeted schools to water trees and shrubs after school hours from mid-July through September. Each tree or shrub needs about 3–5 gallons of slow watering, which takes roughly an hour per week. Depending on the location, we use tree bags, hoses, or buckets we carry with carts. We'll also be spreading mulch to retain moisture and improve soil health. All supplies and training will be provided when you arrive.

Of course, you don't need to commit to every week. Just let us know which days you're available to lend a hand.

Why you might choose to do this:

You can get some exercise in the fresh air, meet nice people, work out your frustrations, and do some good for trees, all in the same activity. How can you lose? Sign up today! No experience is necessary! We can provide all of the necessary tools and equipment.

Be aware:

Watering trees is labor-intensive. Tree watering may take place in areas with uneven ground and require some lifting and bending. But watering trees can be very satisfying. You can almost hear that sigh of relief as the cool water sinks into those roots. And you can know that you are helping a young tree survive to become a mature tree that will provide children with much-needed shade. So test out your muscles and do some good in the world!

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