

# MEMORANDUM

To: All Meadows-Ferndale HOA (MFHOA) Owners and Residents  
From: MFHOA Board of Directors  
Date: August 12, 2021  
Subject: WATERING PROCESS FOR TREES IN PLANTING STRIPS ALONG OUR STREETS

There have been several reports lately from Meadows' residents expressing concern about the watering of the trees in the planting strips along our neighborhood streets. The Board appreciates the feedback and hopes the following explanation of the process will alleviate the concerns.

Because of our hot and dry conditions, Windwood Landscape Inc. currently waters these trees three times a week, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The frequency of watering will be adjusted to suit the conditions. The process involves filling the water bags attached to the trees. The bags allow a slow drip of water to the base of the tree so the water will soak into the ground rather than running off. Except for a short period of time after the bags are filled, they are neither likely nor expected to contain any water – it will have dripped and soaked away. A random inspection of a water bag is most likely to find that bag empty but that should cause no concern.

The most logical source of concern involves trees that are blocked by parked vehicles so the water truck cannot service them. In this case the truck moves on and circles back later to see if the obstructing vehicle has been moved. If not, the watering will have to wait until the next scheduled watering day. Residents can help this situation by not parking by a tree in a planting strip. Treat it like a fire hydrant and our trees will be happy and healthy.

We thank you for your cooperation.

*Chuck Millard*

**President  
Meadows-Ferndale HOA**