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Denver Water, CSU Extension and GreenCO Give Tips to Keep Trees Healthy this Winter

Without proper watering, dry winter weather could harm trees. Denver Water has teamed up with Colorado State University Extension and the Green Industries of Colorado (GreenCO) to remind homeowners to water trees to maintain optimal health and to avoid potential damage to these valuable shade providers.

Retired CSU Horticulturalist Carl Wilson advises watering trees from October through April when the weather is dry.

Use these tips to keep your trees healthy:

- Water only when the temperature is above 40 degrees
- Water only when there hasn't been natural precipitation i.e. rain or snow
- During prolonged dry periods, water once or twice a month
- Water within the dripline* to a depth of 12". *The dripline is the area at the ground level that mirrors the canopy of the tree.

"Your trees are a valuable environmental and aesthetic asset to your home," said Eric Moroski, GreenCO president. "Thirsty trees are more likely to have limb breakage as a result of heavy snows or strong winds. Watering them during winter dry spells helps them stay healthy and strong."

Caring for trees this winter will save our shade for the future. For more specifics on tree watering, visit www.greenco.org, or the Yard & Garden page at www.ext.colostate.edu. Denver Water proudly serves high-quality water and promotes its efficient use to 1.3 million people in the city of Denver and many surrounding suburbs. Established in 1918, the utility is a public agency funded by water rates, new tap fees and the sale of hydropower, not taxes. It is Colorado's oldest and largest water utility.