

Ah, Summertime!

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Summer is here and "the livin is easy".

Is that the case for Bonsai enthusiasts? Well, yes and no. You aren't busy repotting or possibly styling, but outside of insuring that are plants are free from harmful insects and fungal problems, there is one major concern at this time of year. The concern is proper hydration of your trees.

I call them my "babies" because they need my tender, loving care. I have found that I do not water my trees as frequently as I have in the past. Used to that I would routinely get out the hose or water bucket and water daily. As hot as it had been at times, I am sure that was what the trees enjoyed but that hasn't been the case this year. I had lost a number of trees over the last few winters and that has caused me to be a much more attentive "waterer" (is there such a word?). Our temperatures have not been as hot and I have been carefully checking the potting medium before I water and I have found that in a number of instances, I could go two days before I watered again. It makes me feel uneasy because of the tendency to want to water but I have resisted and thus far, all has gone well. Am sure this will change when our temps. Get to be in the high 90's and upward.

Anyway, the message is this: Assess the hydration of your trees before watering. Too much water at the wrong time can have disastrous results. For more good information on watering, check out this great information on the Evergreen Gardenworks website.