



Southern Area

DRIP AND OTHER LOW VOLUME IRRIGATION

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IRRIGATION AND SOIL

- **AS LITTLE AS 2% ORGANIC MATTER IN THE SOIL CAN REDUCE IRRIGATION NEEDS BY 75% OVER POOR SOILS WITH LESS THAN 1% ORGANIC MATTER**
- **SHADING WITH MULCH AND PLANT LEAVES CAN REDUCE IT BY 60%**

(RAINWATER HARVESTING FOR DRYLANDS AND BEYOND VOLUME 23 PAGE 20)

CUTTING COST\$

IT IS NOT WISE TO TRY AND
SAVE A FEW DOLLARS ON
IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGN,
INSTALLATION OR
MAINTENANCE. YOU MAY END
UP WITH

AN IRRITATION SYSTEM!

IRRIGATION OBJECTIVE

- **THE PURPOSE OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS TO SUPPLEMENT NATURAL PRECIPITATION BY DELIVERING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF WATER, AT THE RIGHT TIME, WITH LITTLE WASTE, SO PLANTS MAINTAIN GOOD HEALTH AND APPEARANCE.**

WE NEED BETTER IRRIGATION



DRIP IRRIGATION WATERING ONE DROP AT A TIME



HISTORY OF DRIP IRRIGATION

- **THE STATE OF ISRAEL BEGAN DEVELOPING LOW VOLUME IRRIGATION FOR AGRICULTURE OVER 50 YEARS AGO**

ISRAEL

- **HAD POOR WATER QUALITY**
- **WAS IN A DESERT AREA WITH FEW WATER RESOURCES**
- **HAD A GROWING POPULATION TO FEED**

DRIP IRRIGATION WAS DEVELOPED FOR AGRICULTURE



WHAT IS DRIP OR LOW VOLUME IRRIGATION?

- **A SYSTEM OF DELIVERING WATER ON A SLOW, EVEN, AND ACCURATE RATE TO THE ROOT ZONE**

ADVANTAGES OF DRIP

- **\$AVE UP TO 50% OF WATER USED OVER A POORLY DESIGNED OVERHEAD SYSTEM**
- **HEALTHIER PLANTS (ONLY IF DESIGNED AND OPERATED CORRECTLY)**
- **FEWER WEEDS**
- **INJECTION OF LIQUID FERTILIZER/PESTICIDES IF NEEDED**

DISADVANTAGES OF DRIP

- **CAN'T "SEE" IT WORKING**
- **CAN'T "HEAR" IT WORKING**
- **CLOGGING (DUE TO MINERALS**
- **IN THE WATER, ALGAE AND DIRT)**
- **EASILY DAMAGED**
- **SALT BUILD UP IN THE SOIL**
- **FREQUENT CHECKING**
- **HIGH MAINTENANCE**
- **SMALLER ROOT SYSTEMS**
- **IF NOT EXPANDED**



DRIP COMPONENTS

- FILTER
- LOW FLOW VALVES
- PRESSURE REGULATOR
- AIR RELIEF VALVE
- FLUSH END AND CAP
- POLYETHYLENE TUBING
(1/4 SPAGHETTI TUBING, MAIN LINES 1/2 OR 3/4 INCH)



FILTER

- **USE A 150 MESH FILTER FOR DRIP IRRIGATION**
- **USE A 200 MESH FILTER FOR 1/2 GPH DRIPPERS**

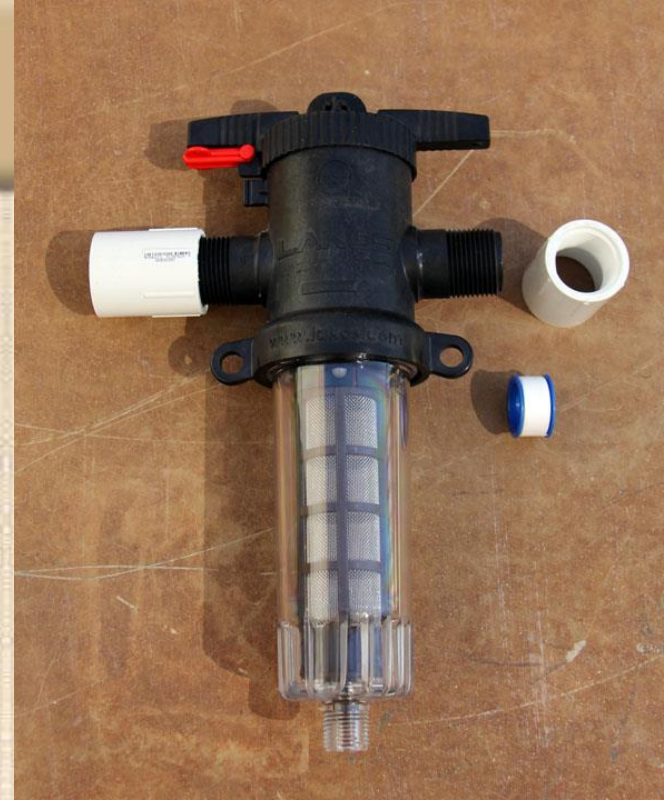


FILTER

- **ORGANIC FILTER**



- **INORGANIC FILTER**



VALVES

- **SELECT VALVES DESIGNED FOR LOW FLOW AND LOW PRESSURE OPERATION**
- **FLOW ARROW**

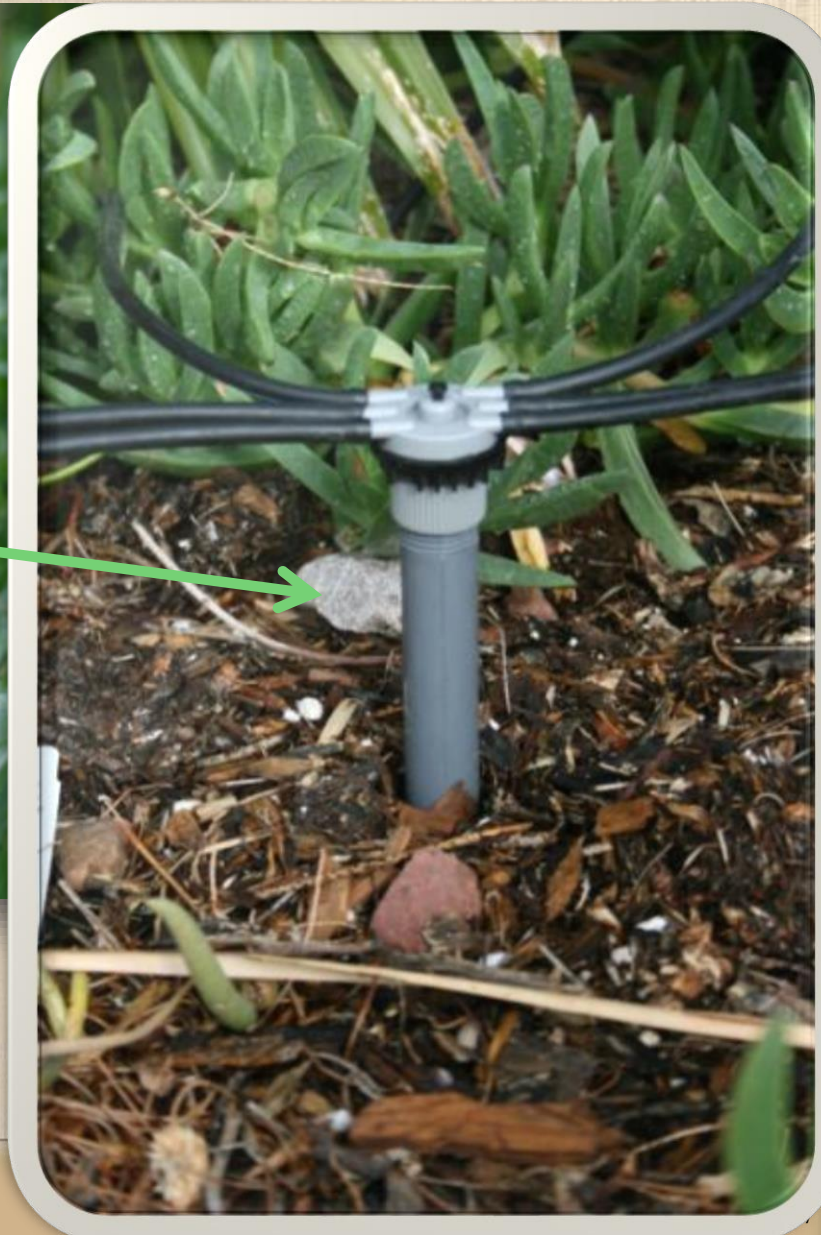


PRESSURE REGULATOR

- **USE A 20 OR 25 PSI PRESSURE REGULATOR FOR DRIP IRRIGATION**
- **SELECT A PRESSURE REGULATOR WITH A LOW FLOW RATE**
- **E.G. 1/10 - 8 GPM**
- **FLOW ARROW**



DRIP MANIFOLD



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DRIP EMITTERS

- **ALWAYS USE PRESSURE COMPENSATING DRIP EMITTERS**
- **CONSISTENT FLOW RATES AT ANY PRESSURE**
- **ADJUSTABLE EMITTERS**
- **FLAG DRIPPERS**
- **BUTTON DRIPPERS**
- **INLINE EMITTERS**

ADJUSTABLE EMITTERS

- **SOMETIMES CALLED “SHRUBLERS” OR MINI-BUBBLERS**
- **ADJUSTABLE FROM 0 TO 30 GPH**
- **NOT PRESSURE COMPENSATING**
- **EASY TO TAKE APART AND CLEAN**
- **MISTAKENLY THOUGHT TO BE MIRACLE WORKERS THAT SOLVE ALL IRRIGATION PROBLEMS!**

WATERS A LARGER AREA?

**BEST FOR
SANDY SOILS**

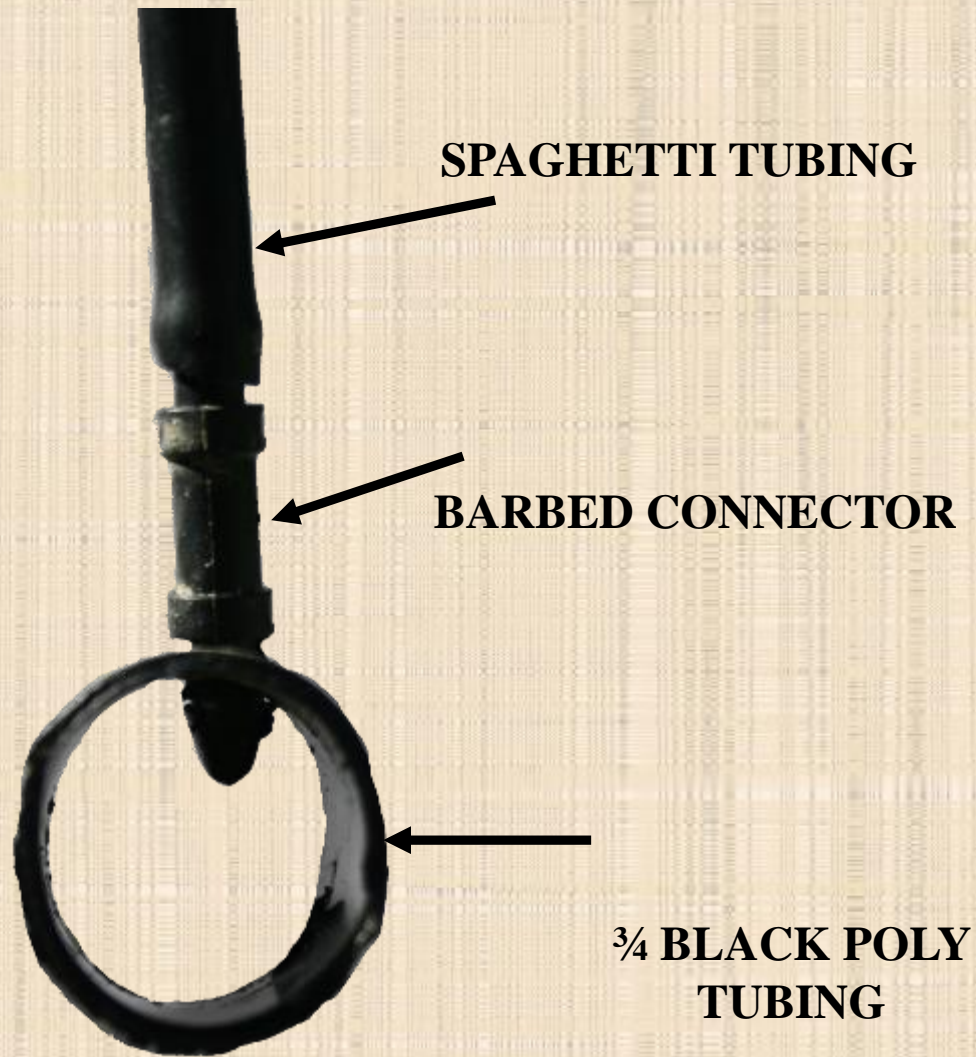


BUTTON DRIPPERS

- **1, 2, 4 GPH**
- **NOT ALL ARE PRESSURE COMPENSATING**
- **SOME HIGHER FLOW ARE AVAILABLE**
- **5 UP TO 24 GPH**
- **THIS ONE IS PC AND SELF-CLEANING, CAN BE TAKEN APART, CLEANED AND REUSED**



INSIDE THE TUBING





INLINE EMITTERS

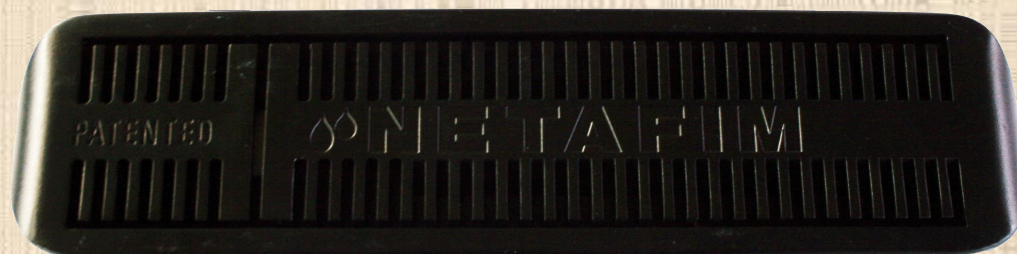


- **INLINE DRIP EMITTERS ARE ENCLOSED INSIDE 1/4 OR 1/2 INCH POLYETHYLENE TUBING**
- **EMITTERS ARE SPACED 6, 12 OR 18 INCHES APART, DEPENDING ON SOIL TYPE**
- **TWO THAT CAN BE BURIED ARE GEOFLOW (TORO) AND NETAFIM**



(THE USE OF THESE TWO BRANDS IS NOT AN ENDORSEMENT OF THESE PRODUCTS)

INLINE EMITTERS



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INLINE EMITTERS



VEGETABLE/HERB BEDS



INLINE EMITTERS USED IN VEGETABLE GARDENS



IN A NEW ANNUAL BEDS





***IN THE
LANDSCAPE
KEEP COVERED
WITH MULCH***

WHEN YOU SEE THIS COLOR



MINNIE SPRY HEADS





**A GOOD
PLACE FOR
DRIP
IRRIGATION**



***A GOOD PLACE FOR DRIP
IRRIGATION OR REMOVE
THE PLANTS IN AREAS
THAT ARE
NARROW AND WITH A
SLOPE***



TREES AND PLANTS DON'T HAVE MOUTHS







**NETAFIM USED AS
TEMPORARY
IRRIGATION FOR
TREES**



TREE CIRCLES



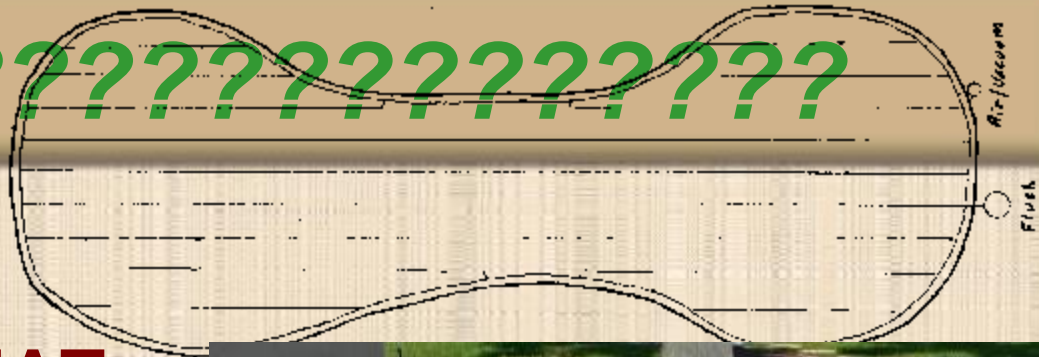
THIS TREE IS ALL READY SHOWING DIE BACK



TREES NEED TO BE IRRIGATED IN THE DESERT AND WILL DIE WHEN TURF AND TURF IRRIGATION IS TAKEN OUT WITHOUT REPLACING IT WITH A NEW LOW VOLUME IRRIGATION SYSTEM THAT WATERS THE TREE ROOTS



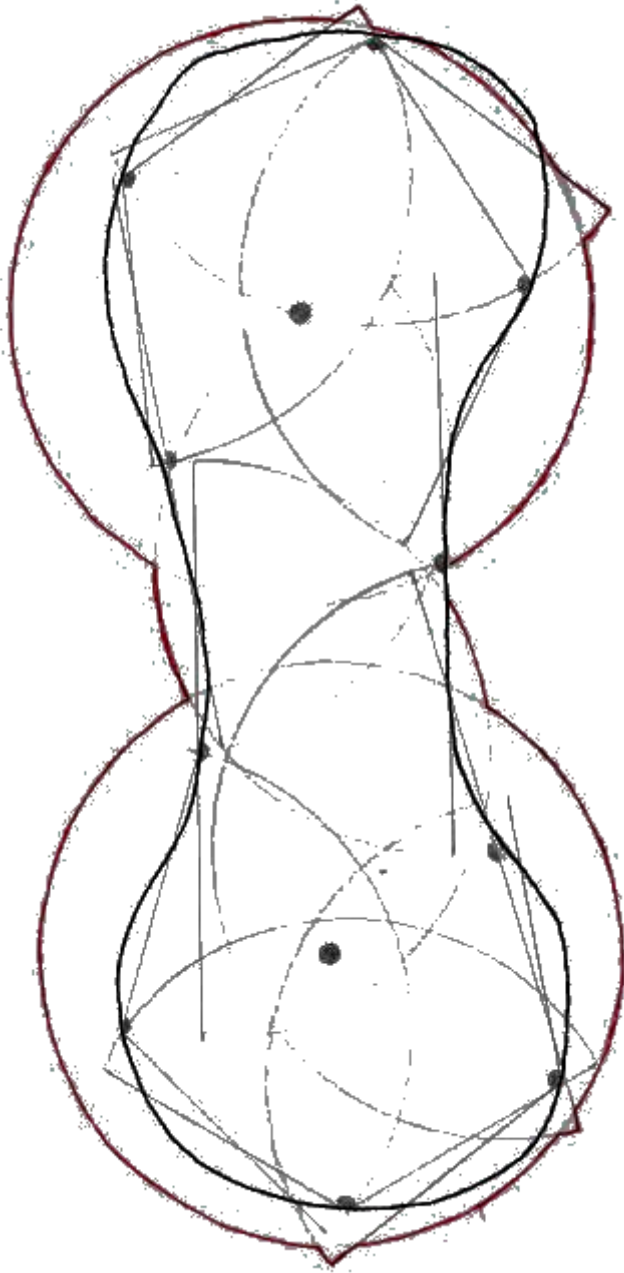
FOR TURF????????????????????



**IT IS NOT
RECOMMENDED THAT
TURF BE USED IN THIS
MANNER**

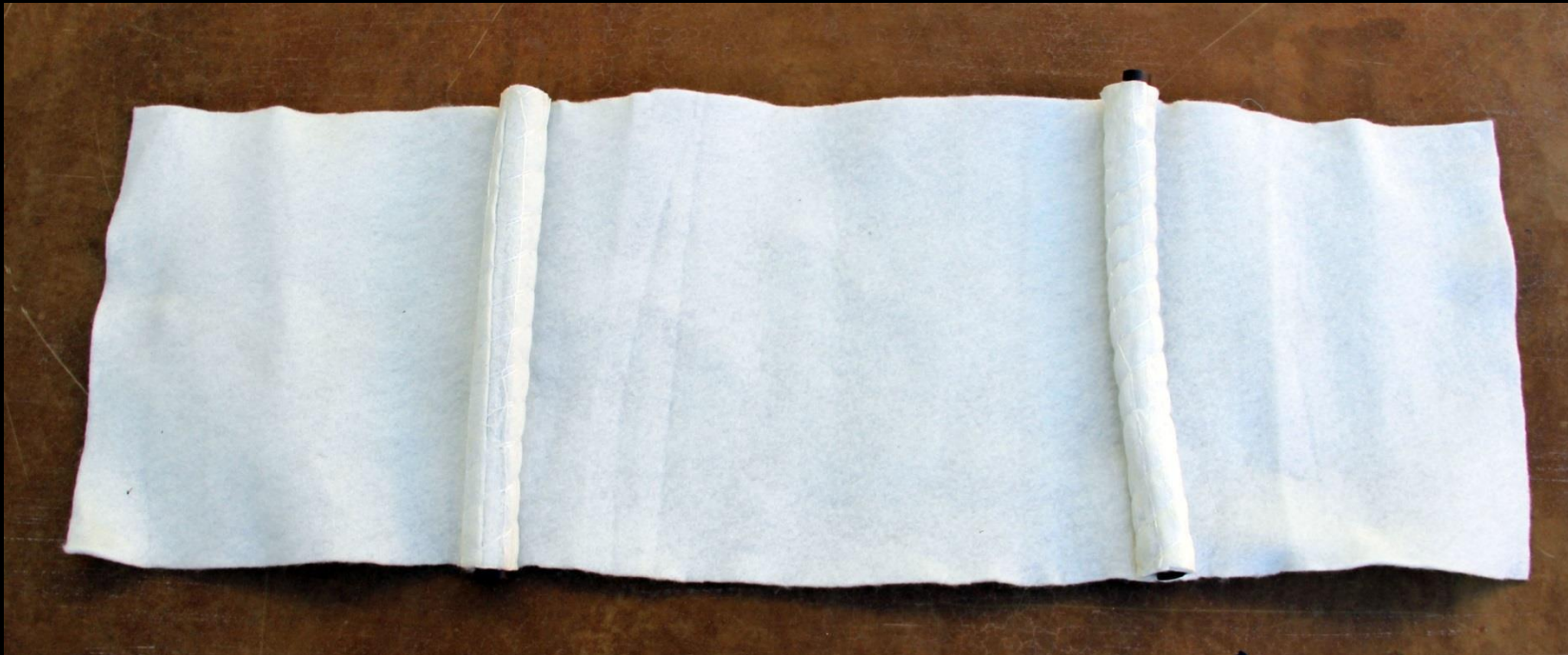


COST COMPARISON



- **SPRINKLER**
 - **MATERIALS**
 - **\$0.392/SQ. FT.**
 - **LABOR = \$\$**
 - **WATER WASTED = \$\$\$**
- **NETAFIM**
 - **MATERIALS**
 - **\$0.642/SQ. FT.**
 - **LABOR = \$\$\$**
 - **WATER WASTED = NONE**

NETAFIM FOR SUBSURFACE

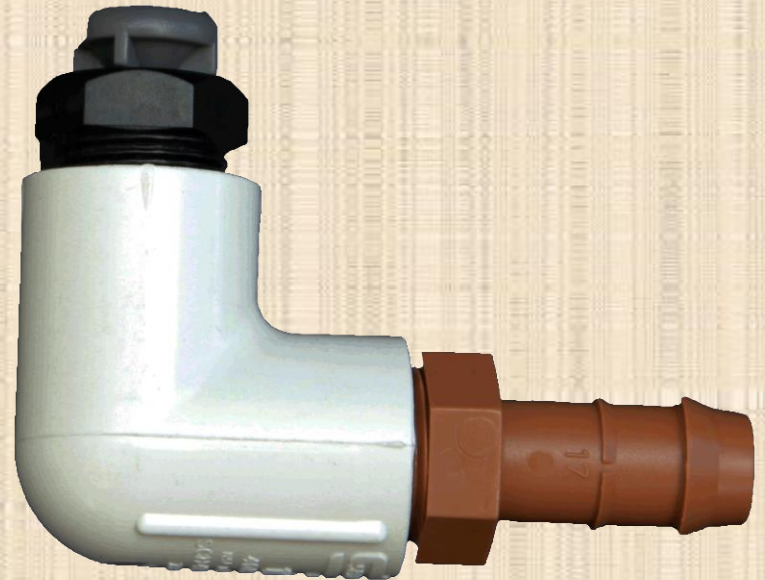


END OF EACH TUBING LINE

- **FIGURE 8 END**
 - **THE MOST COMMON FITTING TO END A LINE**
 - **CAN'T EASILY FLUSH THE LINE**
- **MALE HOSE END W/CAP**
 - **EASY TO FLUSH LINES**



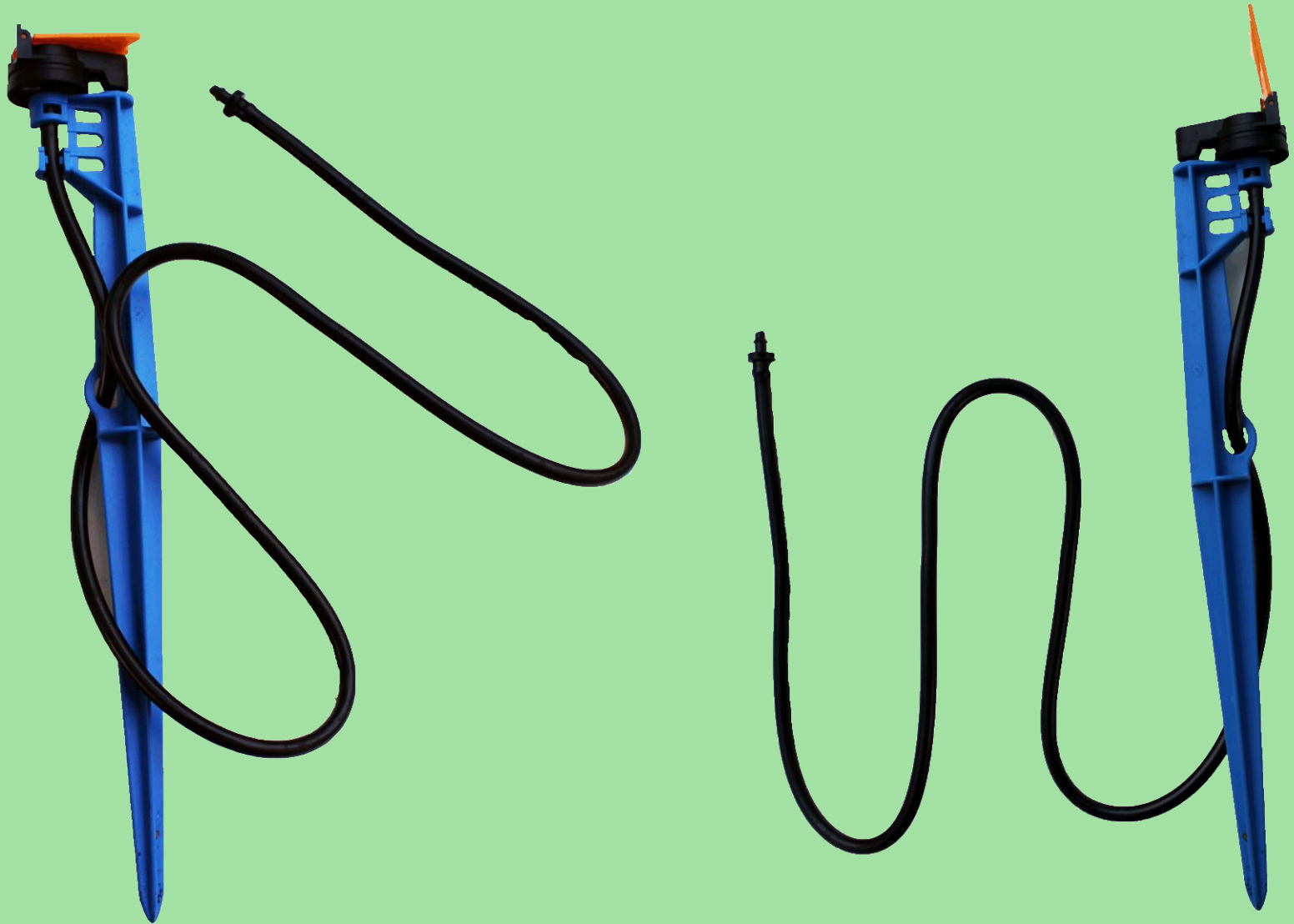
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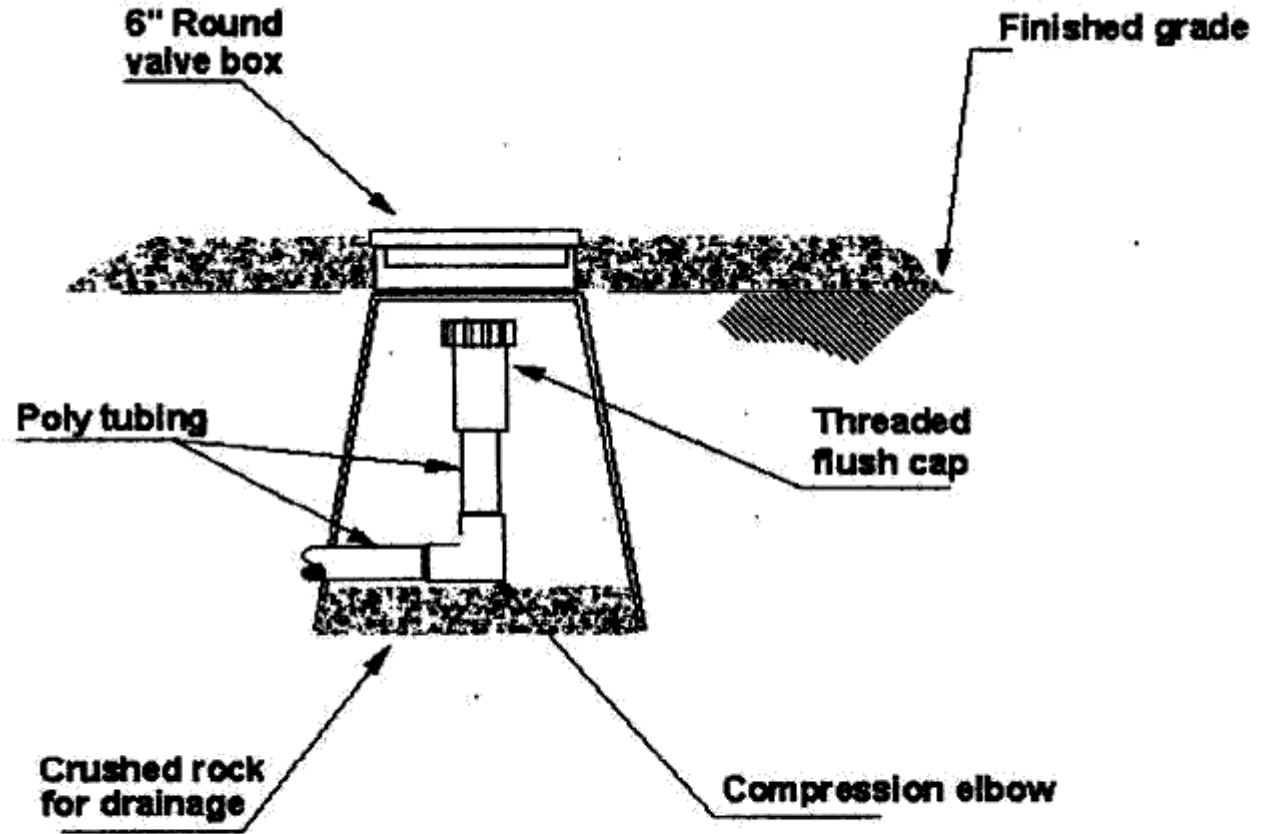
DRIPLINE FLUSH VALVES



NETAFIM PRESSURE INDICATOR



FLUSH CAP INSTALLATION



Flush Cap

POLY TUBING



POLY TUBING

- **1 INCH TUBING USED FOR SOME COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE**
- **¾ INCH TUBING USED MOSTLY FOR COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE**
- **½ INCH TUBING USED MOSTLY FOR HOME LANDSCAPES**
- **SPAGHETTI TUBING TO ATTACH EMITTER TO ¾ OR ½ FEEDER LINES**

BLACK POLY TUBING

1 INCH, $\frac{3}{4}$ AND $\frac{1}{2}$ INCH



DON'T BURY TUBING TOO DEEP !



DON'T BURY EMITTERS !



**KEEP
SPAGHETTI
TUBING
SHORT**

***DON'T BURY
TUBING TOO
DEEP !***



18 INCHES

**KEEP SPAGHETTI AND
BLACK POLY TUBING
NEAR THE SURFACE**

DON'T BURY BLACK POLY TOO DEEP! BETTER TO JUST COVER WITH ORGANIC OR ROCK MULCH



CHANGE AND MOVE EMITTERS AS LANDSCAPE PLANTS/TREES GROW AND MATURE!



MAINTAIN AND UPDATE IRRIGATION

- **ADD MORE
EMITTERS TO
LOW-VOLUME
SYSTEMS AS
PLANTS GROW**



***CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION
SYSTEM OFTEN***



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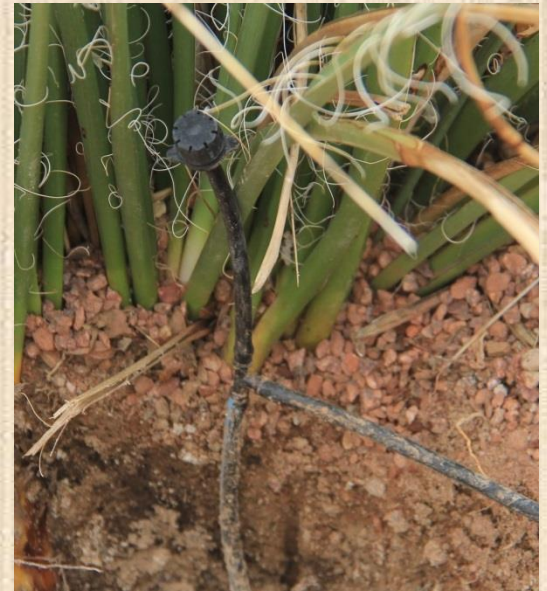
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RUN NEW SPAGHETTI TUBING



**FROM THE MAIN
BLACK POLY LINES**





**DO NOT PUT SPAGHETTI TUBING AROUND
OR UNDER PLANT ROOTS**

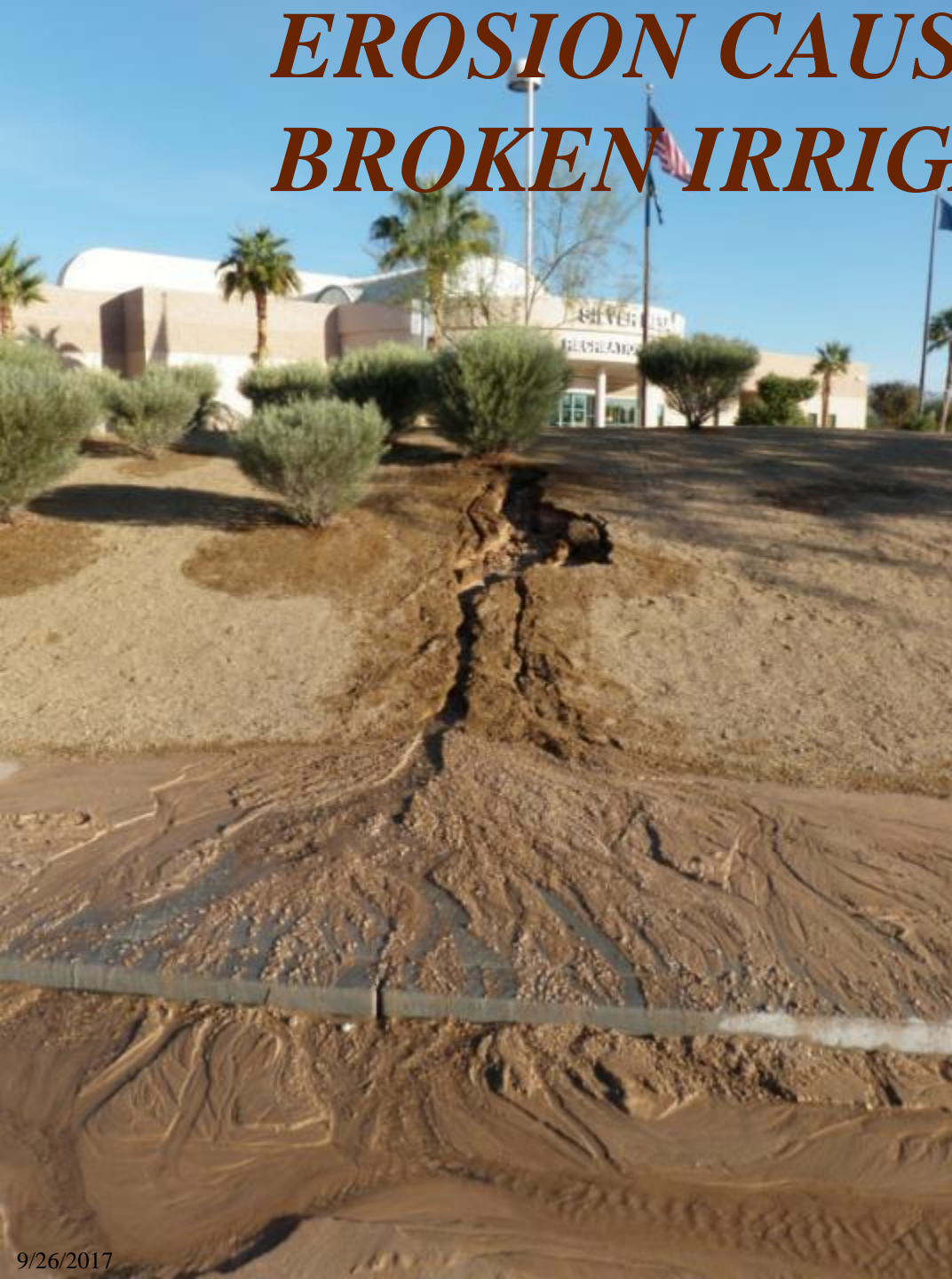


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EROSION CAUSED BY A BROKEN IRRIGATION LINE



*CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION
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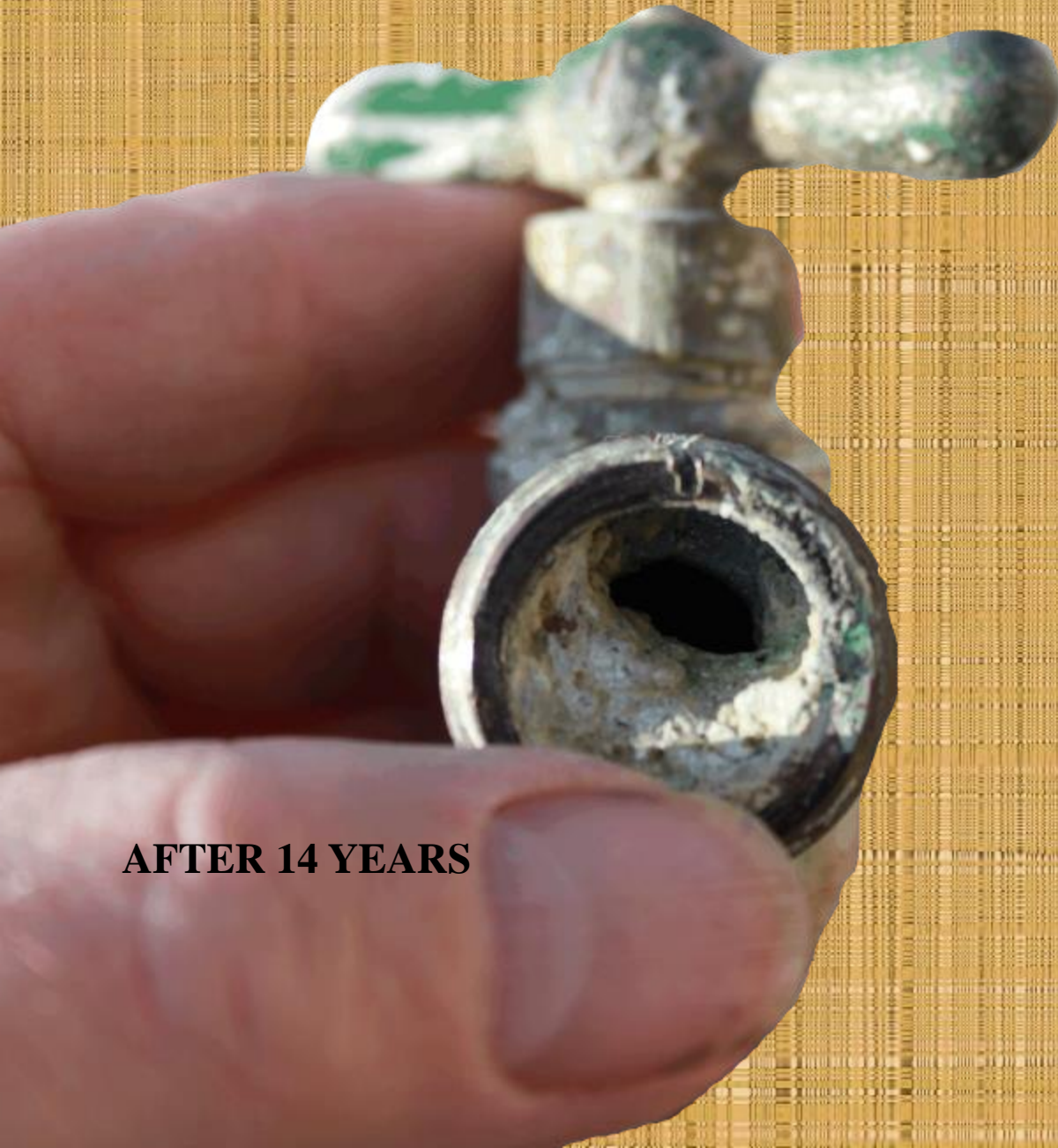


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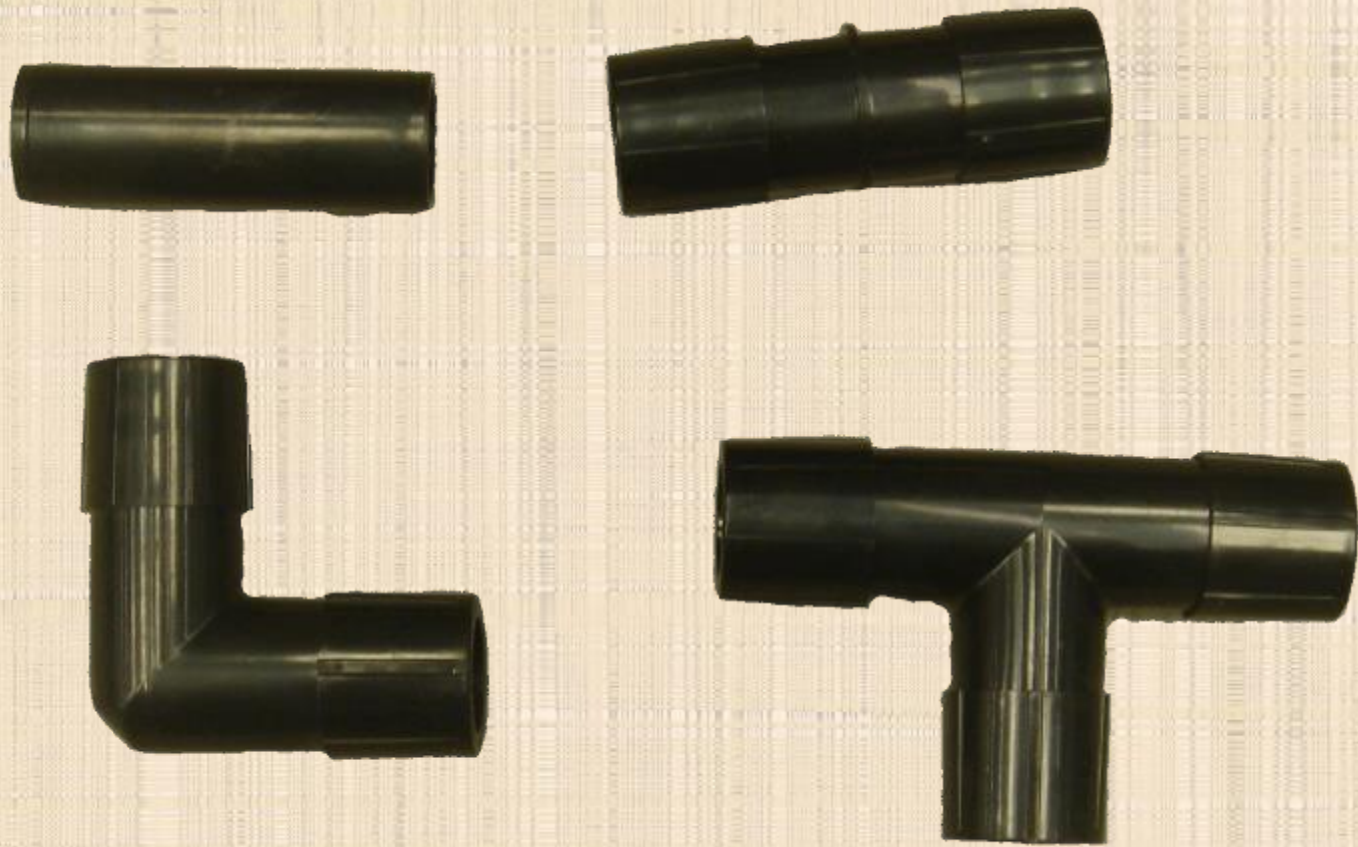


*REMEMBER
SOUTHERN
NEVADA
HAS POOR
QUALITY
WATER*

AFTER 14 YEARS



COMPRESSION FITTINGS



BARBED FITTINGS



BARBED FITTINGS



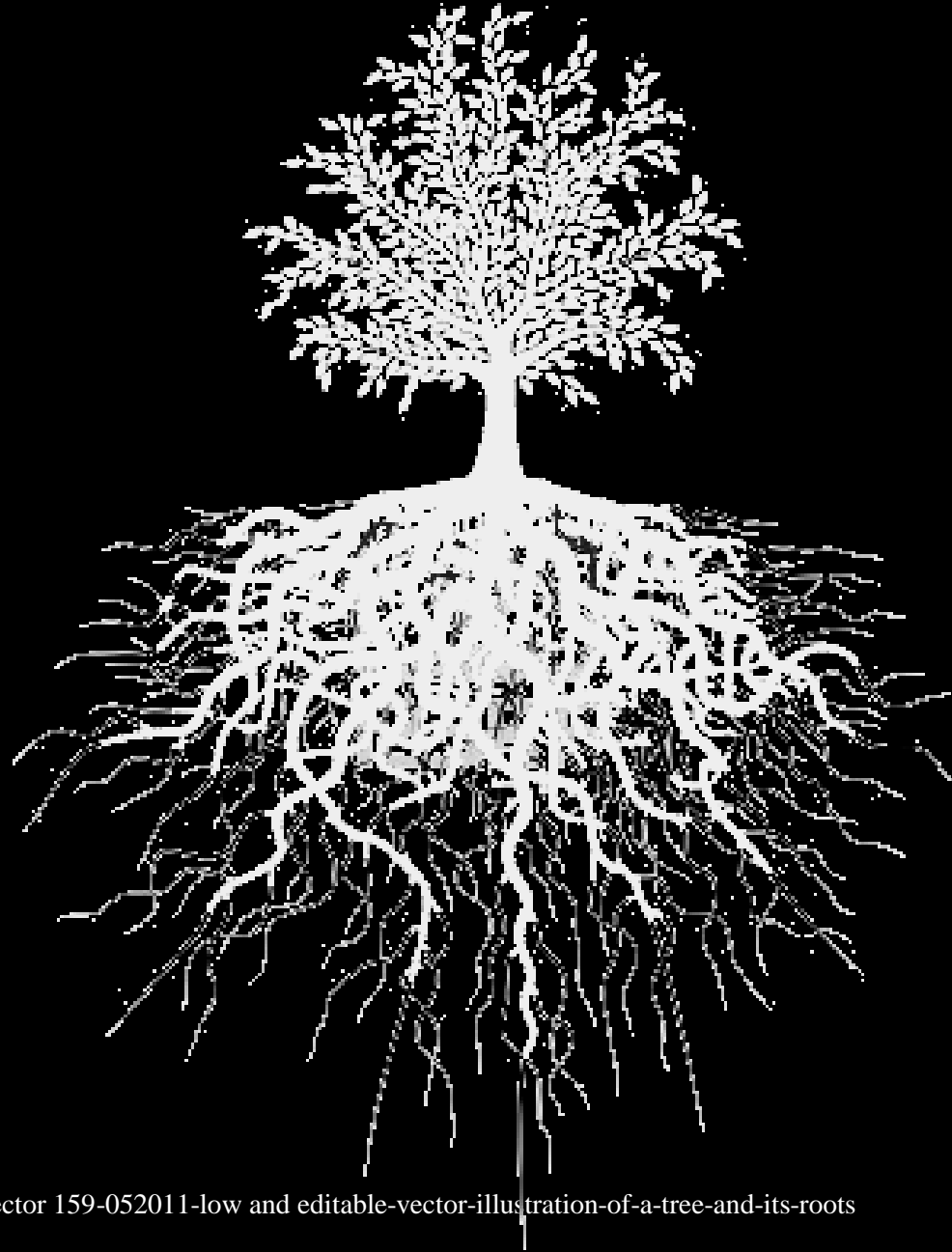


**DRIP IRRIGATION FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE
SHOULD NOT BE INTENSIVE CARE**

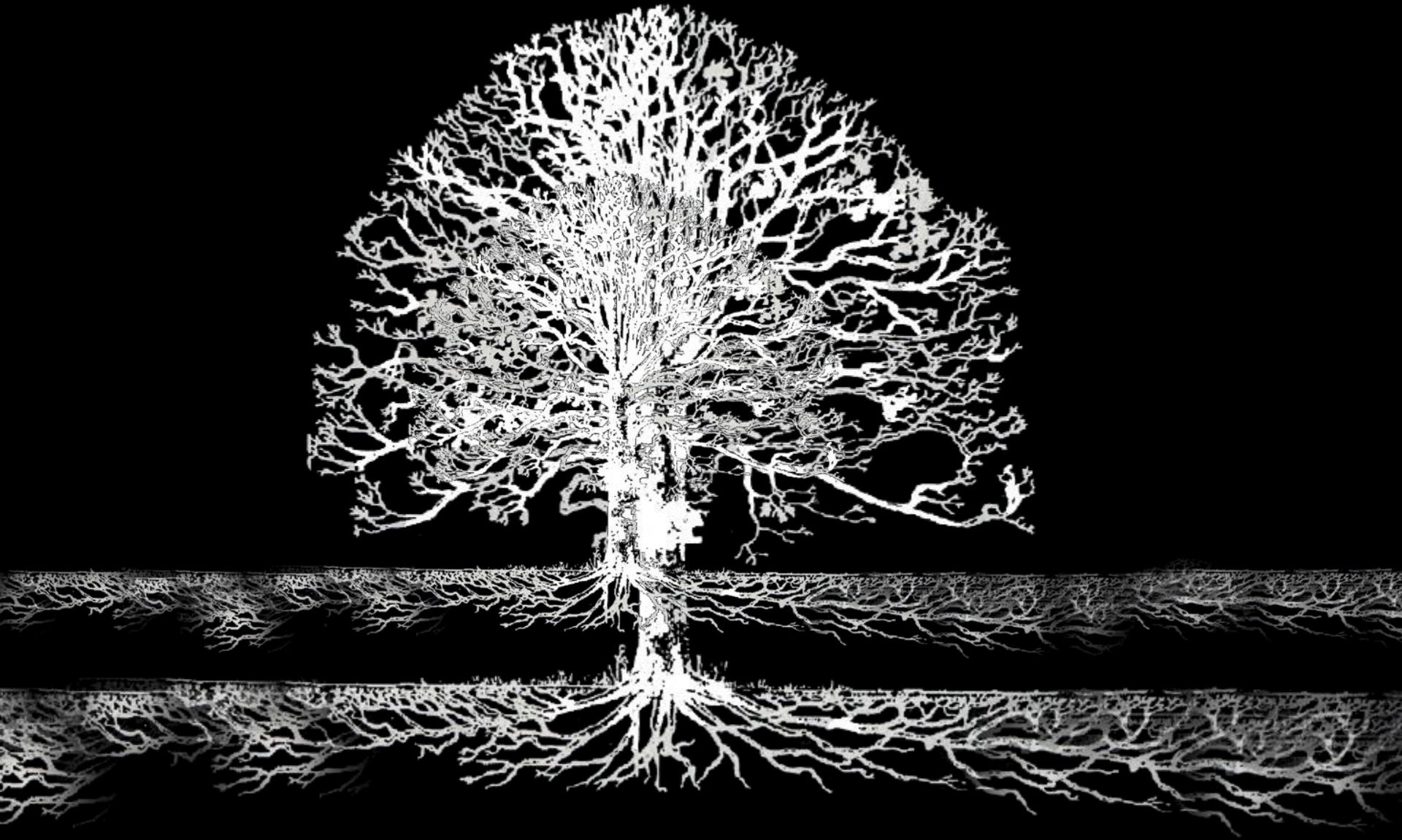
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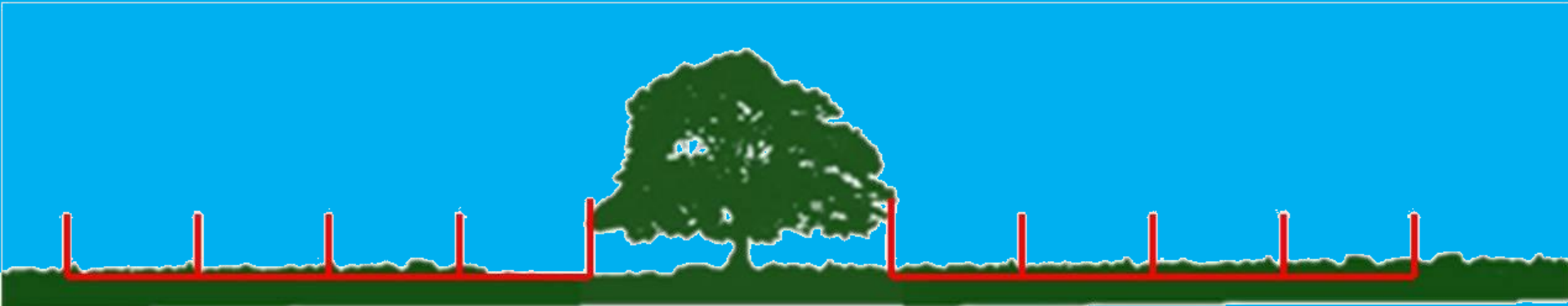


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HERE*



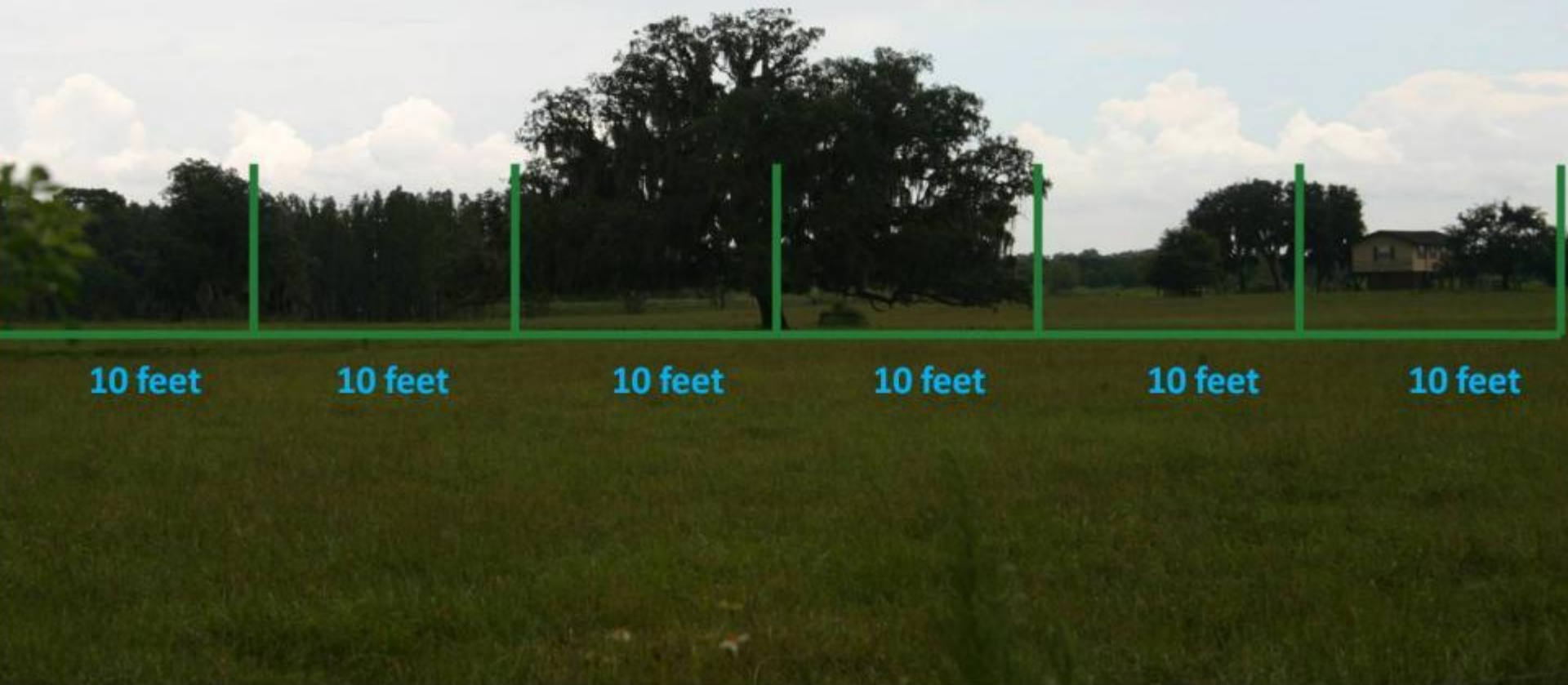
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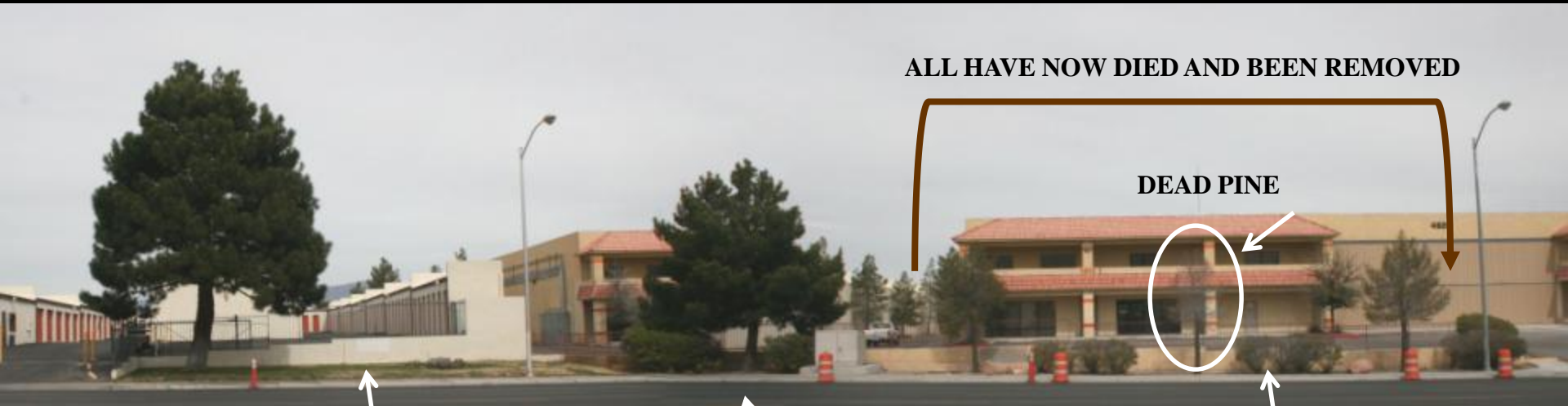
THE POTENTIAL ROOT GROWTH AREA FOR A MATURE TREE

**TREE ROOT SYSTEMS CAN EXTEND 3 TO 5 TIMES THE
DISTANCE FROM THE TRUNK TO THE DRIP LINE
IF MOISTURE, AIR AND NUTRIENTS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE SOIL.**



IRRIGATION OF PINE TREES ***THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE WATER MAKES THE DIFFERENCE***

THE CLOSER TO THE TURF IRRIGATED AREA THE LARGER THE PINE TREE



SPRAY IRRIGATION OF TURF

DRIP IRRIGATION AND SOME SPRAY

DRIP IRRIGATION NOT ALL WORKING

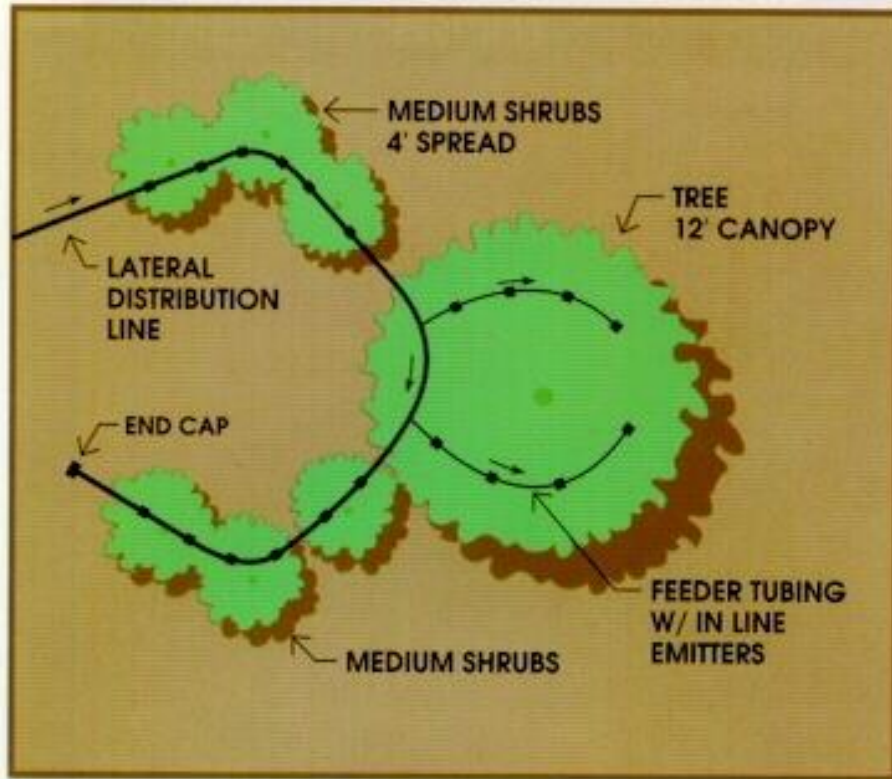
DEAD PINE

ALL HAVE NOW DIED AND BEEN REMOVED

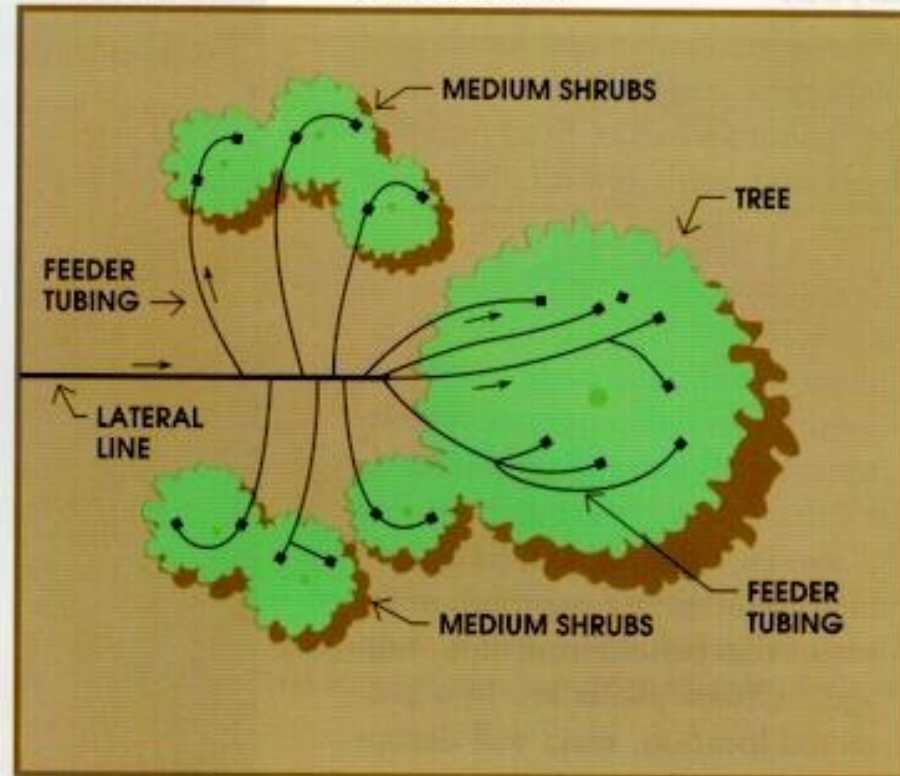
DRIP LINE LAYOUT

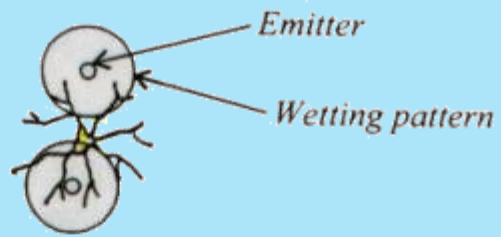
Poly-tubing Distribution Line Layout

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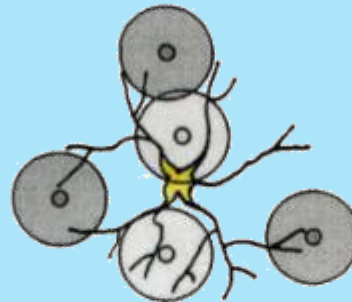


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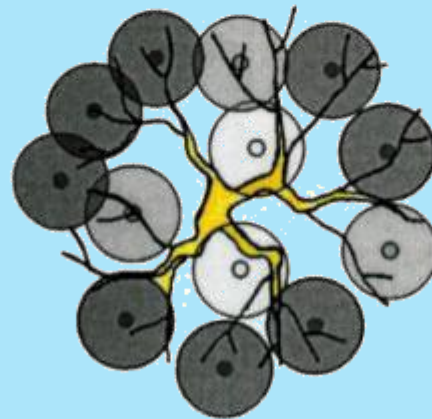




New Tree

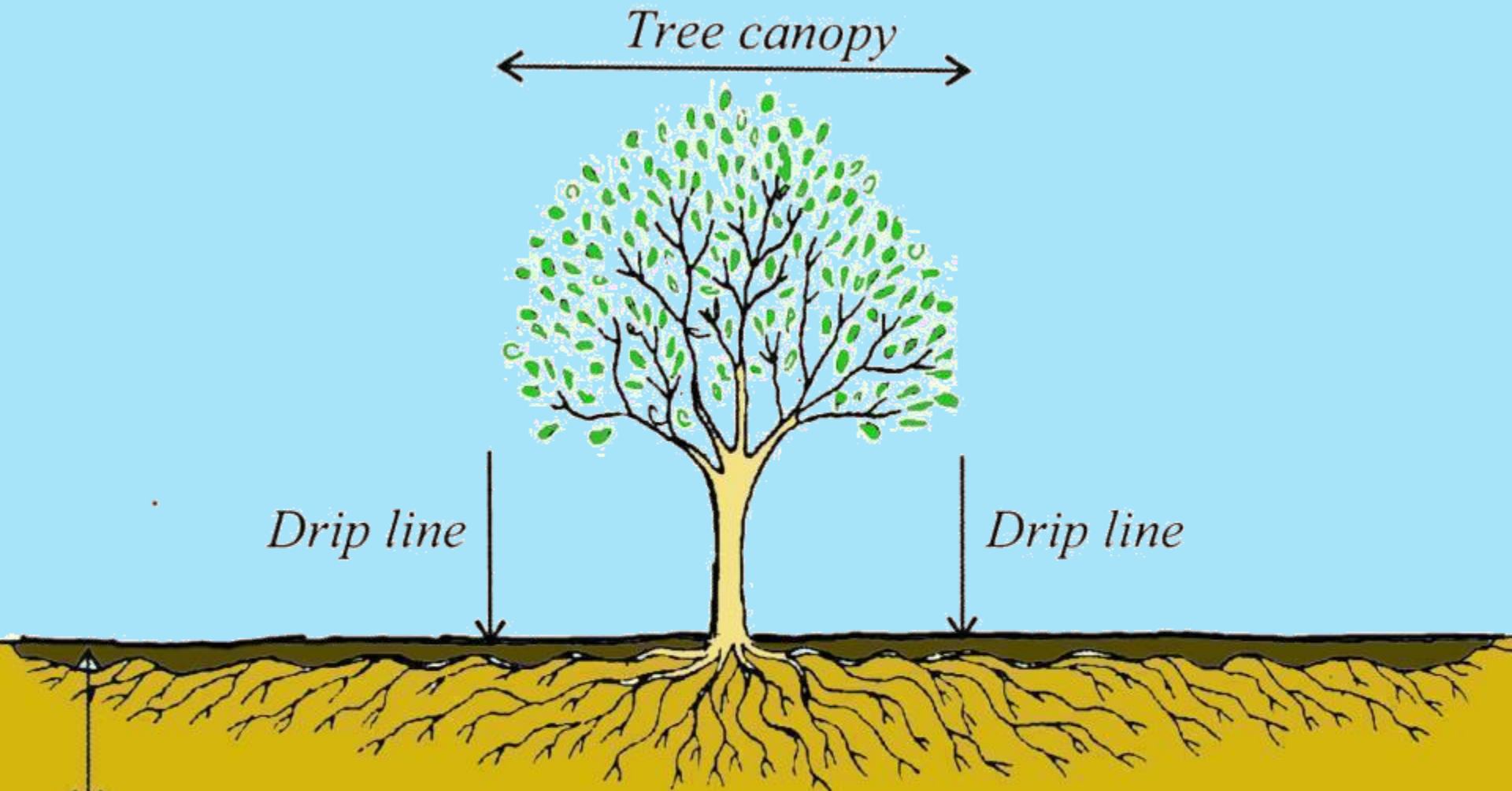


Two to Three Year-old Tree



Mature Tree

Drip Emitter Placement for Trees (overview)



Root depth

Root zone/irrigation zone
1 1/2 - 4 times width of tree canopy

Tree Irrigation

TREE EMITTERS



DON'T CAP EMITTERS NEAR TREE



DON'T PUT EMITTERS NEXT TO THE TRUNK





ROOTS ONLY GROW WHERE THE WATER IS

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



WATER PATTERNS



**WHAT IS
THE
PROBLEM
HERE ????**



WATER PATTERNS



**THE
PROBLEM
HERE ????**



WATER PATTERNS



PLACEMENT OF EMITTERS

**DON'T PLACE
EMITTERS NEXT
TO TRUNKS AND
STEMS**

**THIS IS ESPECIALLY
TRUE OF CACTUS
AND SUCCULENTS**

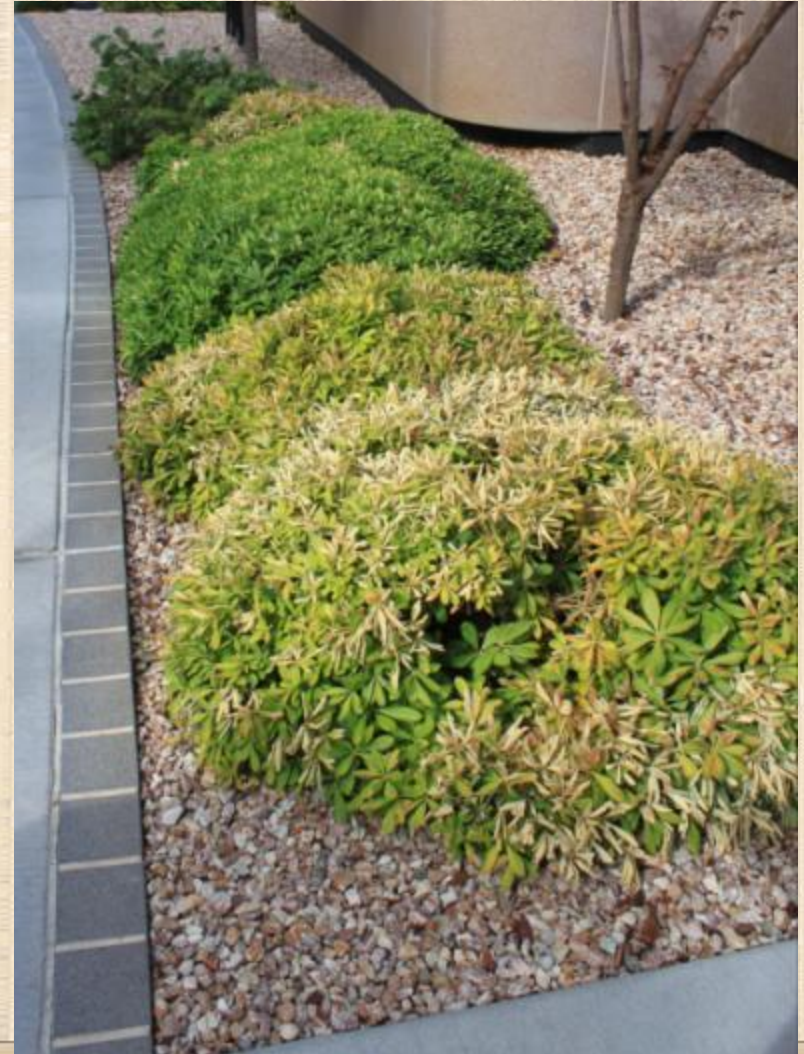


KEEP EMITTERS AWAY FROM PLANT STEMS AND TRUNKS



CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLANTS AND WATER THEM SO THEY CAN SURVIVE

- **THESE PLANT HAD
THE WATER
TURNED OFF FOR
JUST 3 DAYS IN THE
SUMMER**



CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION







WATER ROOT ZONE



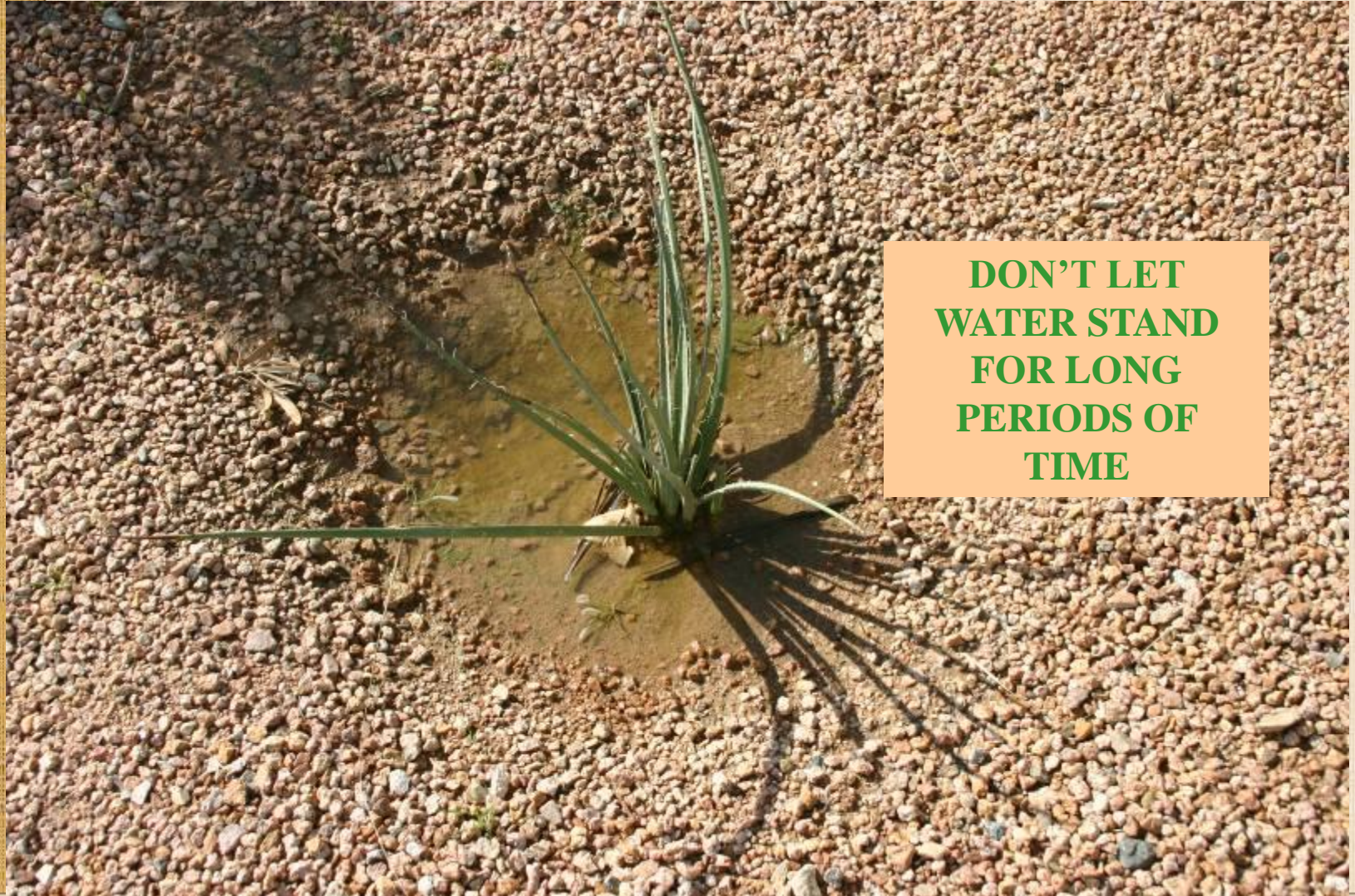
MULCH

- **COVER THE POLY TUBING WITH ROCK, BARK OR OTHER ORGANIC MULCH DEEP ENOUGH TO PROTECT FROM THE SUN BUT NOT TOO DEEP TO EASILY WORK ON AND FIND PROBLEMS**
- **2 OR 3 INCHES DEEP**
- **NEVER USE PLASTIC**
- **NEVER PUT MULCH SO IT'S AGAINST THE STEM OR TRUNK OF THE PLANT**

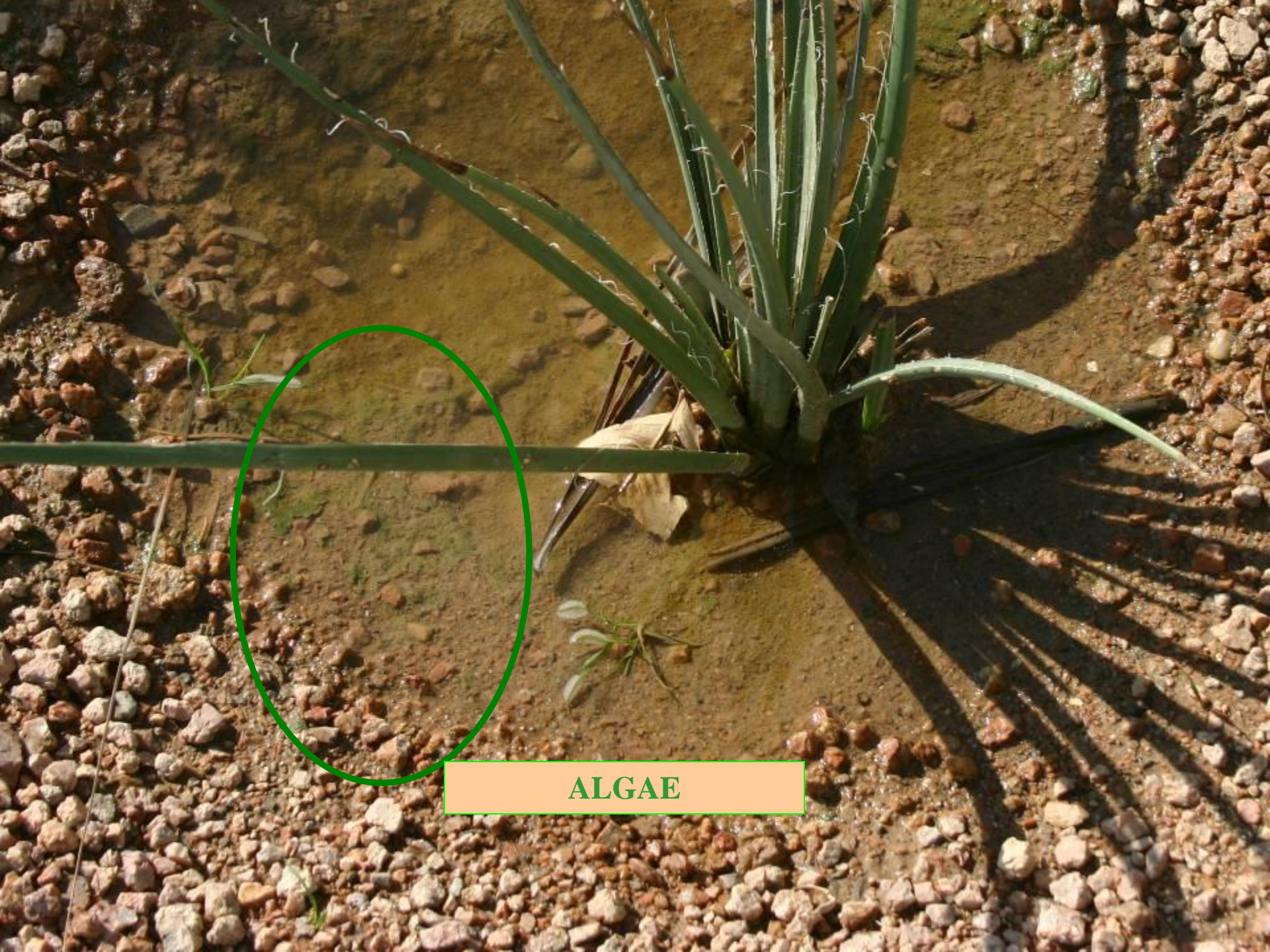
MULCH: ORGANIC OR ROCK?



CHECK THE DRAINAGE BEFORE AND OFTEN TO PREVENT



**DON'T LET
WATER STAND
FOR LONG
PERIODS OF
TIME**



ALGAE

CALIBRATING A DRIP SYSTEM



USE A CONTAINER

TIME HOW LONG IT TAKES TO FILL



HOW MUCH TO IRRIGATE

LOOK AGROUND



HAND WATERING



BUY A GOOD CONTROLLER GET RID OF OLD ONES



OLD



BUY A GOOD CONTROLLER

- **USER FRIENDLY**
- **EXCEEDS THE NEEDS OF YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM**
- **SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT**
- **INTERVAL & EVEN/ODD DAY WATERING**
- **BATTERY BACKUP**

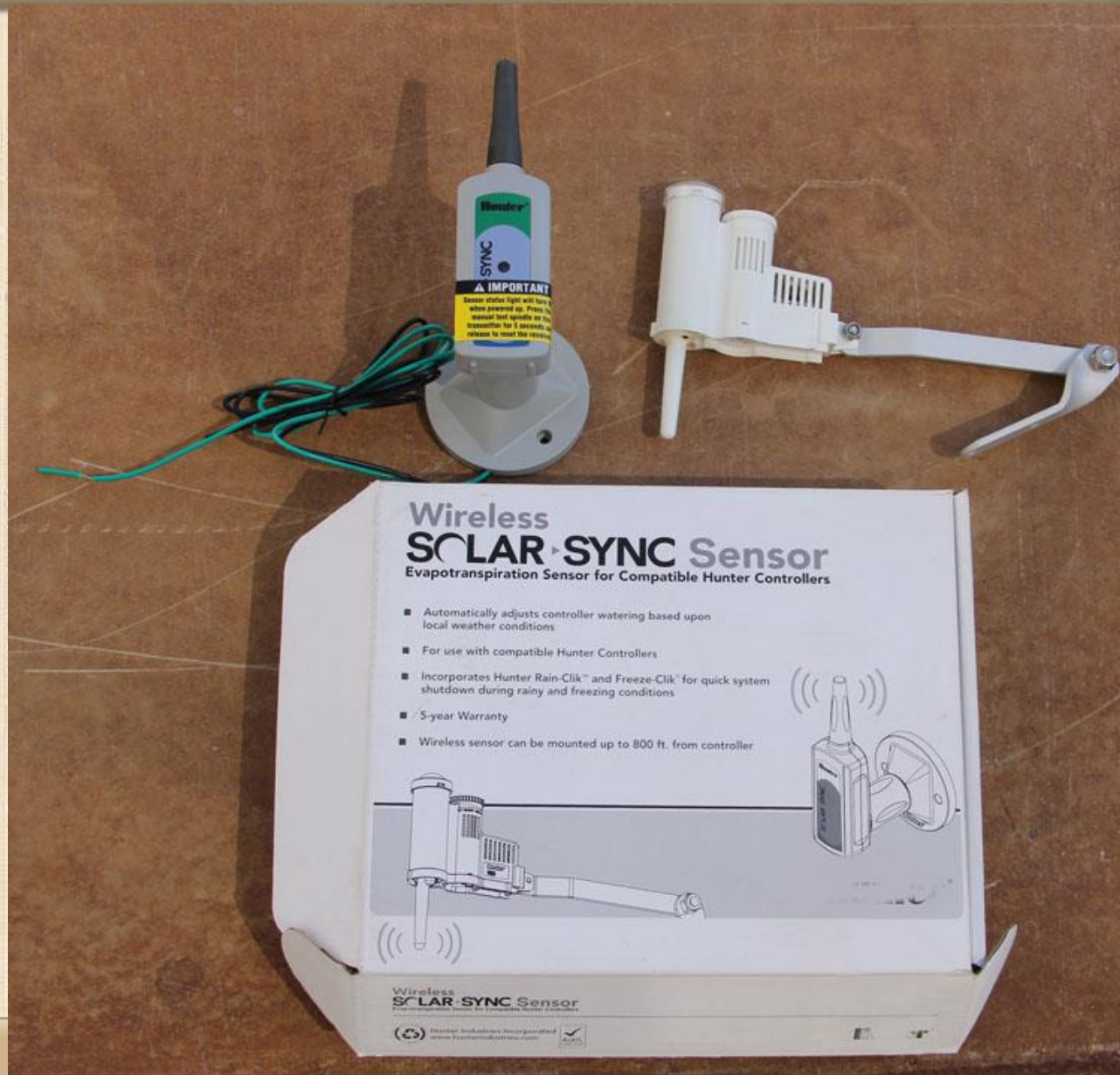


I-CORE Controller (Metal Wall Mount)

SOLAR SYNC SENSOR TO REGULATE CONTROLLER

NEW

- ADJUSTS IRRIGATION
- TO LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS
- ET SENSOR
- INCLUDES RAIN AND FREEZE TURN OFF
- WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH CONTROLLER



THERE IS ALWAYS NEW PRODUCTS

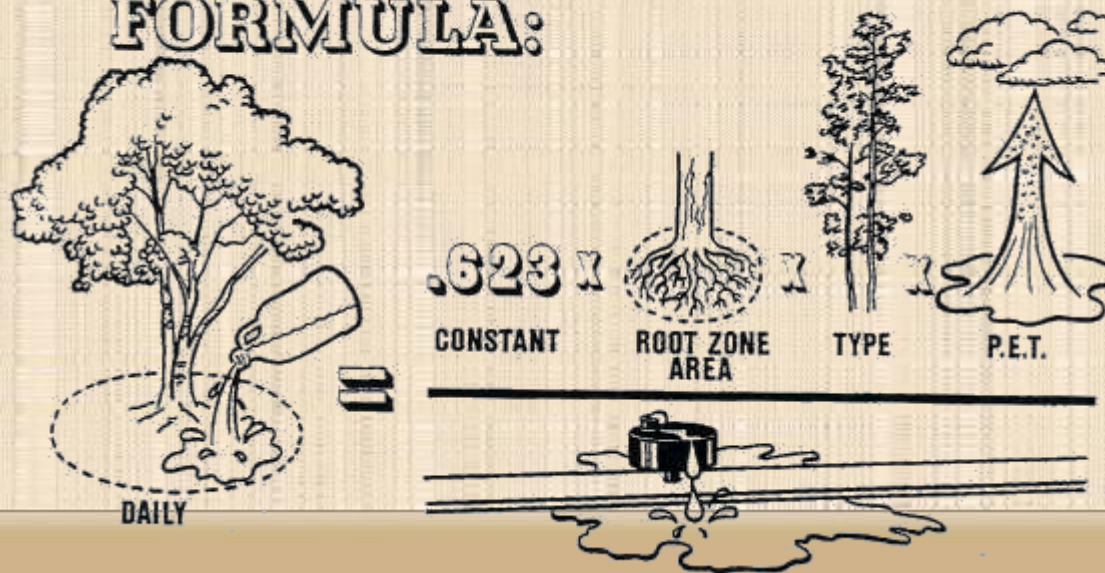


WHEN AND HOW MUCH TO WATER

PLANTS. WATER USE OF SHRUBS AND TREES IS CALCULATED IN GALLONS PER DAY OR WEEK

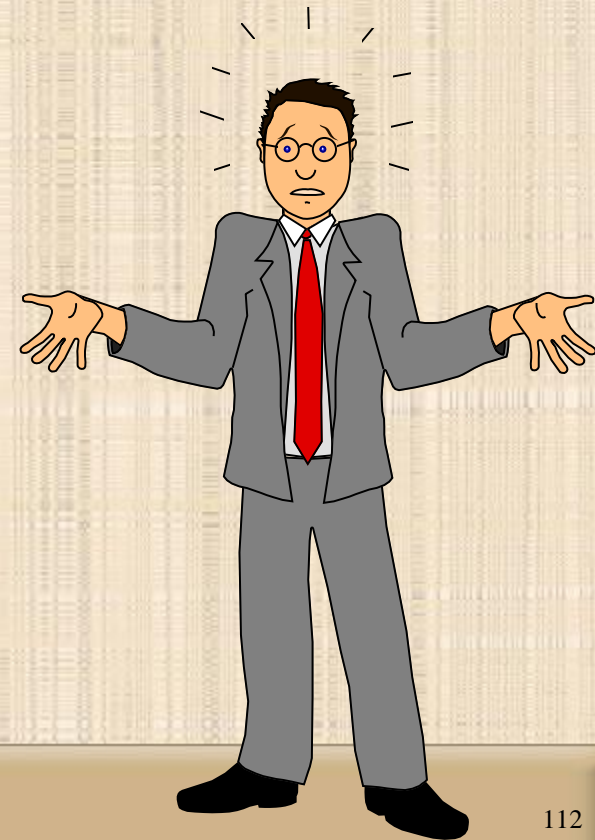
- OR ENOUGH TIME TO MOISTEN THE ROOT ZONE DURING EACH WATERING

GALLONS/PLANT/DAY FORMULA:



CONTROLLERS

- **HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE CONTROLLERS WITH INCH AND/OR GALLON SETTINGS?**



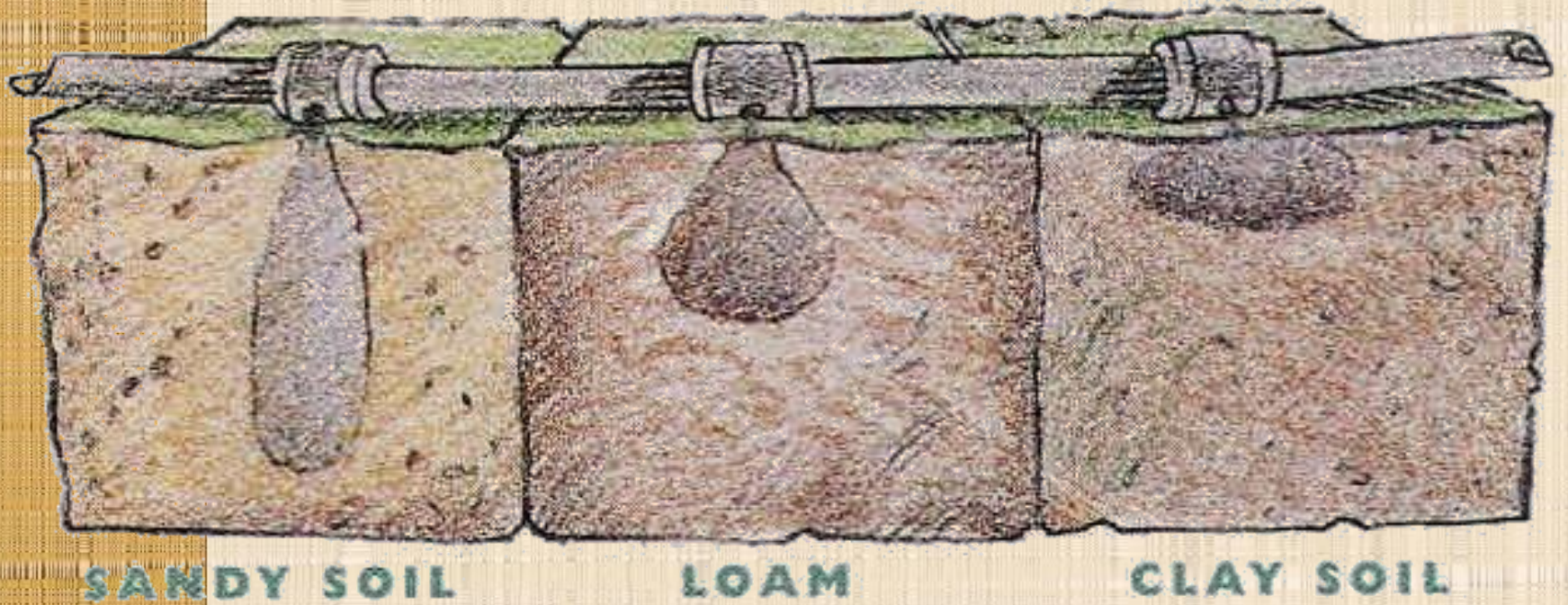
UNCE RECOMMENDS TO ALWAYS WATERING DEEPLY AND INFREQUENTLY

- **HOW DEEP ?**
- **DEPENDS ON 5 FACTORS:**
 - **ROOT ZONE DEPTH**
 - **TYPE OF SOIL**
 - **PLANT WATER NEEDS**
 - **EVAPOTRANSPIRATION**
 - (INCLUDING TEMPERATURE AND TIME OF YEAR)
 - **IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

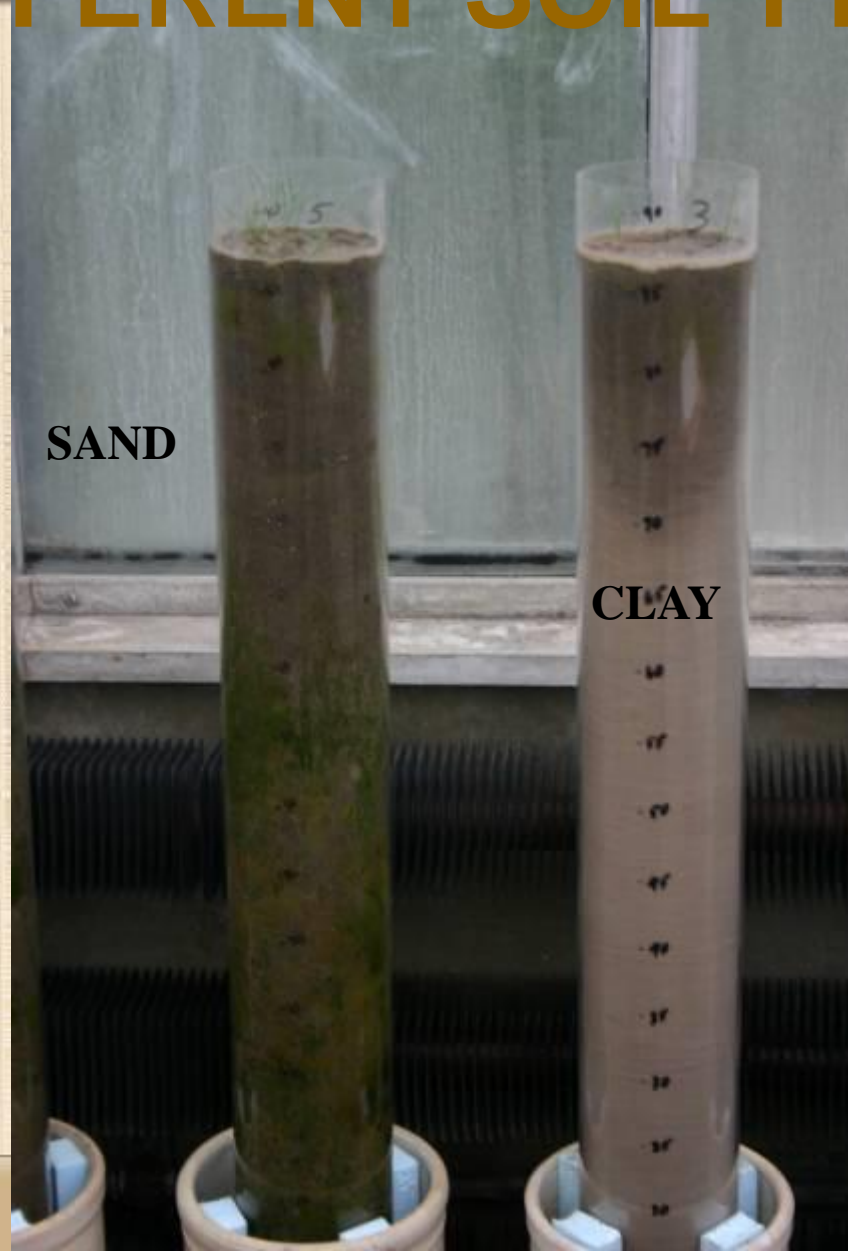
ROOT ZONE DEPTH

- **HOW DEEP?**
 - **DEEP ENOUGH TO WET THE ENTIRE ROOT ZONE EVERY TIME YOU WATER**
 - **LAWNS: 6-12 (OR MORE) INCHES**
 - **FLOWERS, HERBS & VEGGIES: 6-10 INCHES**
 - **SMALL SHRUBS: 10-14 INCHES**
 - **LARGE SHRUBS, SMALL TREES: 12-24 INCHES**
 - **LARGE TREES: 16-24 INCHES (OR DEEPER IN SANDY SOILS)**
 - (**REMEMBER ROOTS ONLY GROW WHERE THERE IS OXYGEN, WATER AND NUTRIENTS**)

SOIL TYPE



WATER DISPERSES DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT SOIL TYPES



SAND

CLAY

GOOD WATER PATTERNS



GOOD WATER PATTERNS



**NEEDS ORGANIC
MULCH TO HELP SAVE
WATER**



**CYCLE IRRIGATION TIMES
TO WATER DEEP AND NOT FLOOD**

FINDING THE SOIL TYPE

(ALL YOU NEED IS A JAR, 1 CUP OF YOUR SOIL, WATER AND 12 TO 24 HOURS)



PLANT WATER USE

- **LARGE PLANTS USE MORE WATER THAN SMALL PLANTS**
- **PLANTS WITH LARGE LEAVES USE MORE WATER THAN PLANTS WITH SMALL LEAVES**
- **PLANTS WITH DARK GREEN LEAVES USE MORE WATER THAN PLANTS WITH GREY OR SILVER LEAVES**

(DESERT PLANTS VS. NON-DESERT PLANTS)

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (ET)

- **EVAPORATION FROM THE PLANT IN THE FORM OF WATER VAPOR FROM THE LEAF SURFACE, COMPLEX BUT CAUSED BY HIGH WIND AND TEMPERATURES.**
- **TRANSPIRATION IS THE RESPIRATION OF PLANTS AS THEY GIVE OFF WATER TO COOL THEMSELVES**
(IT ALSO HELPS COOL THE SURROUNDING AREA)
- **MEASURED IN INCHES PER DAY**

IRRIGATION SYSTEM

- **SPRAY, BUBBLER OR DRIP**
 - **KNOW YOUR SOIL TYPE**
 - **KNOW THE PLANT'S WATER NEEDS:**
 - **HOW MUCH? HOW OFTEN?**
- **SELECT THE SYSTEM THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PLANTS AND DELIVERS WATER AT A RATE THE SOIL CAN ACCEPT**
(INFREQUENT DEEP WATERING IS BEST)

DO THE TEST

- **RUN THE CONTROLLER FOR 15 MINUTES**
- **WAIT 1 1/2 HOURS FOR THE WATER TO PERCOLATE DOWN**
- **PUSH THE SCREWDRIVER INTO THE SOIL IN SEVERAL PLACES IN THE LAWN (IN SANDY AND LOAM SOILS USE A SOIL PROBE)**
- **THE WATER HAS STOPPED WHERE THE SCREWDRIVER MEETS RESISTANCE**

- **1 INCH OF WATER (RAIN OR IRRIGATION) = 6 TO 12 INCHES OF MOISTEN SOIL**
- **DEPENDS ON SOIL TYPE**
- **IT IS BEST TO CYCLE IRRIGATION**
- **EXAMPLE: IRRIGATE FOR 15 MINUTES, THEN TURN THE SPRINKLERS OFF FOR AN HOUR AND LET THE WATER SOAK DOWN. REPEAT THE PROCESS UNTIL THE DESIRED MOISTURE DEPTH IS REACHED.**

HOW OFTEN?

(SUBJECT TO DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS)

- **COOL SEASON GRASS**

- **DAYS/WEEK**

- **NOV - FEB 1**
- **MAR - APR 3**
- **SEP - OCT 3**
- **MAY - AUG 7**

- **WARM SEASON GRASS**

- **DAYS/WEEK**

- **DEC & JAN 1/2**
- **FEB & NOV 1**
- **MAR - APR 3**
- **SEP - OCT 3**
- **MAY - AUG 7**

THIS IS ONLY A PLACE TO START - ADJUST AS NECESSARY

(I WATER 1 OR 2 TIMES A WEEK IN THE SUMMER AND ONCE A MONTH OR LESS IN THE WINTER)

WHAT TIME DO I WATER?

- **WATER JUST ONCE/DAY**
- **APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER**
3 TO 5 AM
- **NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH**
9 TO 11 AM
- **NOTE: 1ST AVERAGE FROST IS**
NOVEMBER 15
- **LAST AVERAGE FROST IS**
MARCH 15

SOIL PROBES

- **ANYTHING THAT PENETRATES THE SOIL CAN BE USED AS A SOIL PROBE**
 - **A PIECE OF REBAR**
 - **AN OLD ALUMINUM SHAFT ARROW**
 - **A SHOVEL OR DIGGING FORK**
 - **A SOIL PROBE**
- **THE WATER STOPS WHERE THE PROBE MEETS RESISTANCE**
(REMEMBER THAT SOUTHERN NEVADA SOILS ARE HARD AND ROCKY. SAMPLE MANY AREAS TO MAKE SURE THE RESISTANCE IS FROM DRY SOIL AND NOT ROCK, THIS DOES NOT WORK IN HIGH ORGANIC OR SANDY SOILS)

HOW MUCH ARE YOU GIVING PLANTS?

WATERING TIME	AMOUNT OF 8 OZ. CUPS OF WATER	GALLONS
60 MINUTES OR 1 HOUR	16	1
30 MINUTES	8	1/2
15 MINUTES	4	1/4
10 MINUTES	2.7	1/6
5 MINUTES	1.3	1/12
1 MINUTE	.27	1/60



**WATERING FOR 3 MINUTES 3 TIMES WITH TWO
EMITTERS GIVES THE PLANT ONLY ALMOST 5 CUPS**



SCREWDRIVER TEST FOR LAWN

- **TALL FESCUE**
 - 8 INCHES
- **BERMUDAGRASS**
 - 6 INCHES



(REMEMBER THAT SOUTHERN NEVADA SOILS ARE HARD AND ROCKY. SAMPLE MANY AREAS TO MAKE SURE THE RESISTANCE IS FROM DRY SOIL AND NOT ROCKS, THIS DOES NOT WORK IN HIGH ORGANIC OR SANDY SOILS)

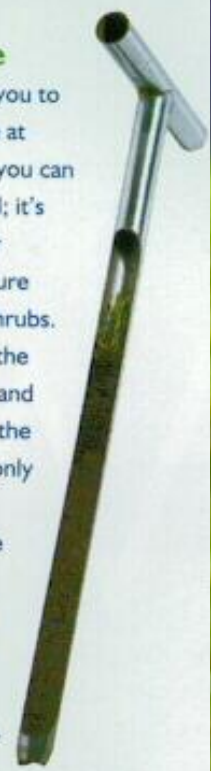
THE LENGTH BELOW GROUND = WATERING DEPTH

TYPES OF SOIL PROBES



Using a soil sampling tube

This device allows you to check soil moisture at deeper levels than you can reach with a trowel; it's especially useful for checking soil moisture around trees and shrubs. Push the tube into the ground, pull it out, and examine the soil in the tube. If it is dry or only slightly moist, it's time to water. If the top layer is damp and the rest is dry, you need to water longer to ensure deeper penetration.



SOIL PROBES



CALIBRATING A DRIP SYSTEM



USE A CONTAINER
TIME HOW LONG IT TAKES TO FILL



HOW OFTEN?

- **AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY SO THE ROOT ZONE DOES NOT DRY OUT**
 - **MEDIUM & HIGH WATER USE PLANTS NEED WATER WHEN 50% OF THE ROOT ZONE IS DRY**
 - **NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE LOW WATER USING PLANTS NEED TO BE WATERED WHEN 80% OR MORE OF THE ROOT ZONE IS DRY**
- **HOW DO YOU TELL?**
 - **USE A SOIL PROBE**

THE “CRUMBLE” TEST

- **PLACE A SAMPLE OF THE SOIL FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOT ZONE IN YOUR PALM AND SQUEEZE IT**
 - **SQUISHY = DOESN'T NEED WATER**
 - **FORMS A BALL THAT YOU CAN TOSS FROM HAND TO HAND = JUST RIGHT**
 - **CRUMBLES = NEEDS WATER**

IRRIGATION AND SOIL

- **AS LITTLE AS 2% ORGANIC MATTER IN THE SOIL CAN REDUCE IRRIGATION NEEDS BY 75% OVER POOR SOILS WITH LESS THAN 1% ORGANIC MATTER**
- **SHADING WITH MULCH AND PLANT LEAVES CAN REDUCE IT BY 60%**

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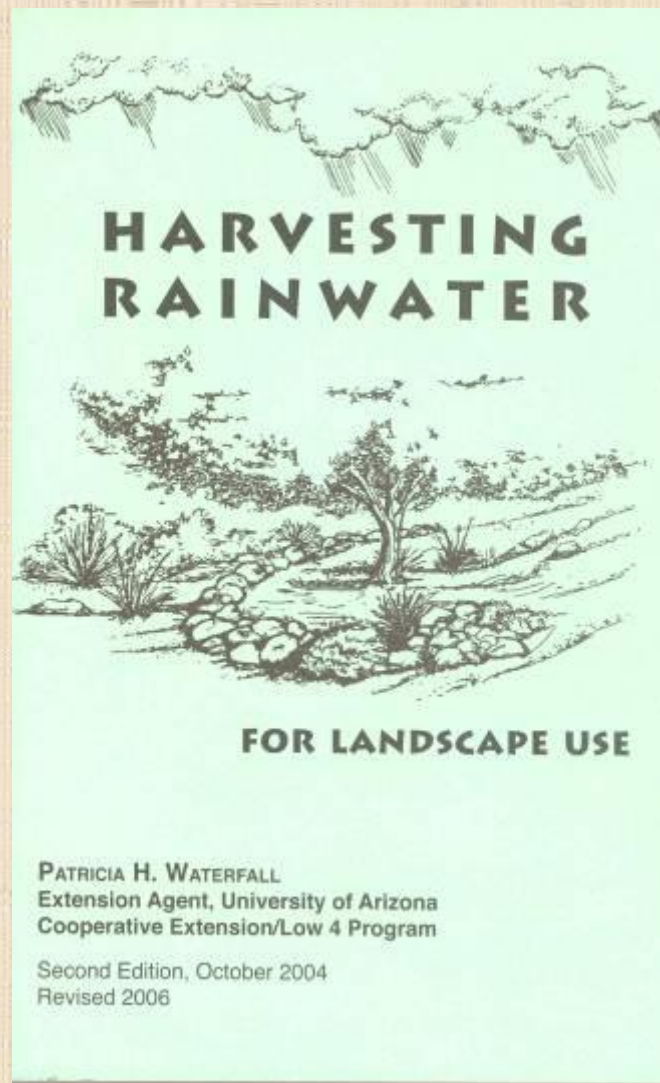
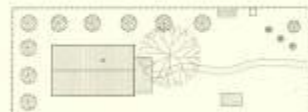
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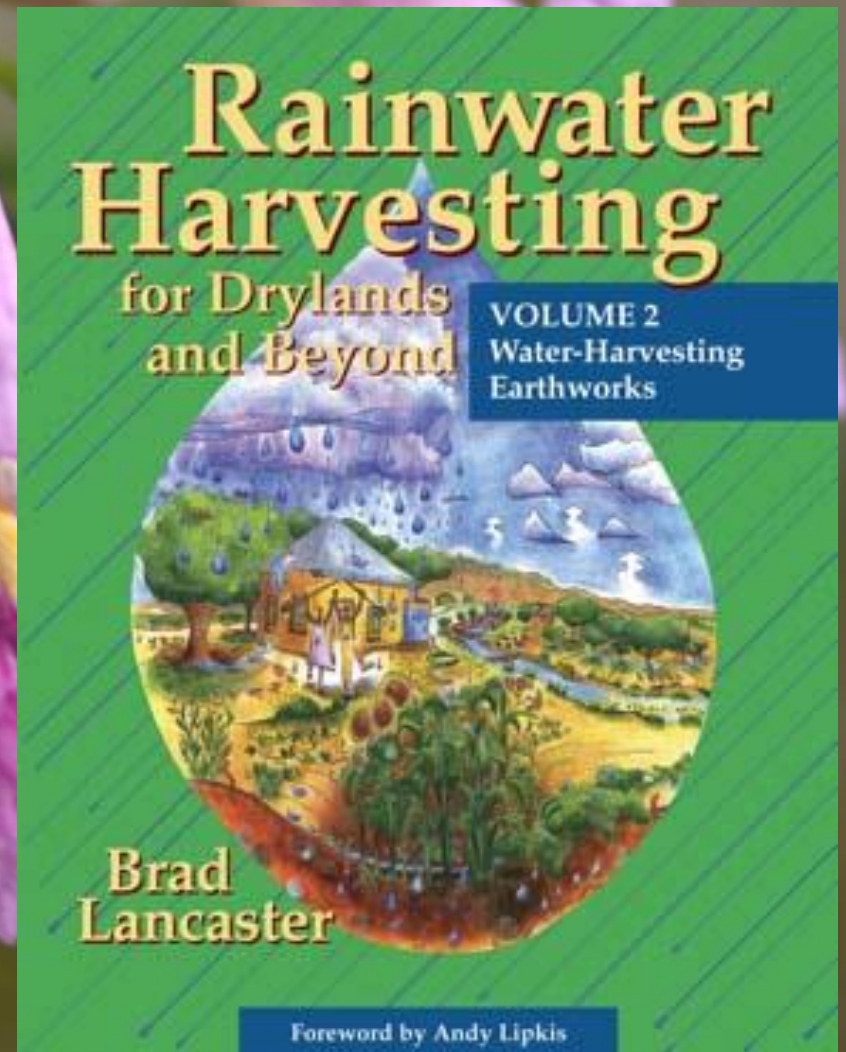
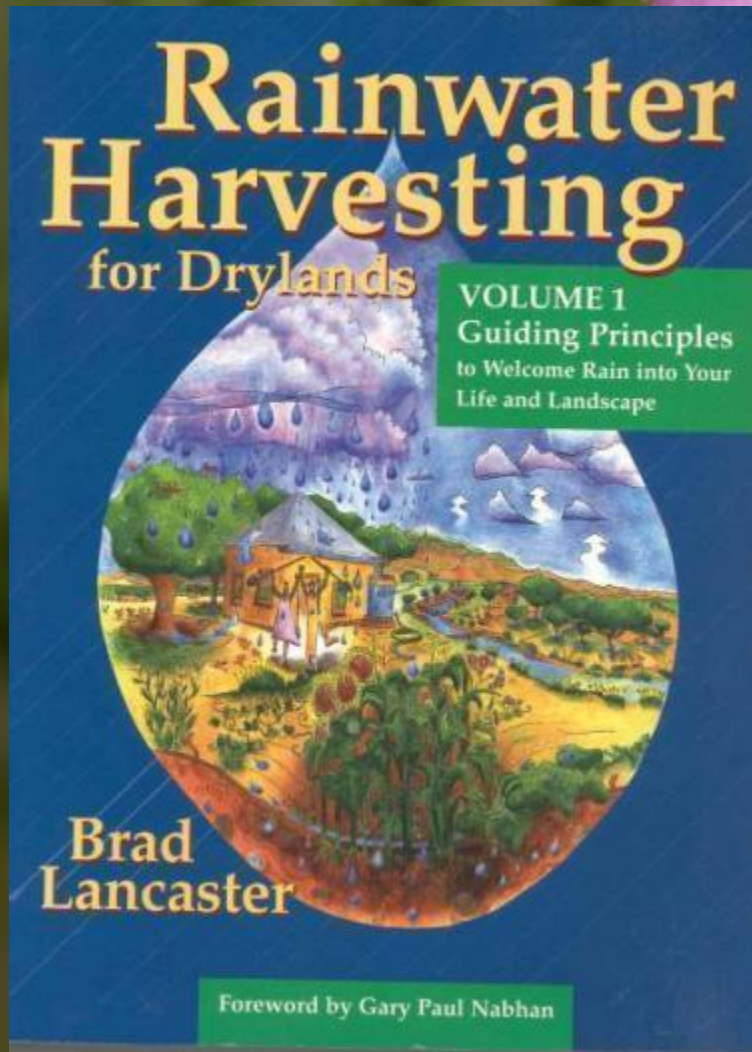
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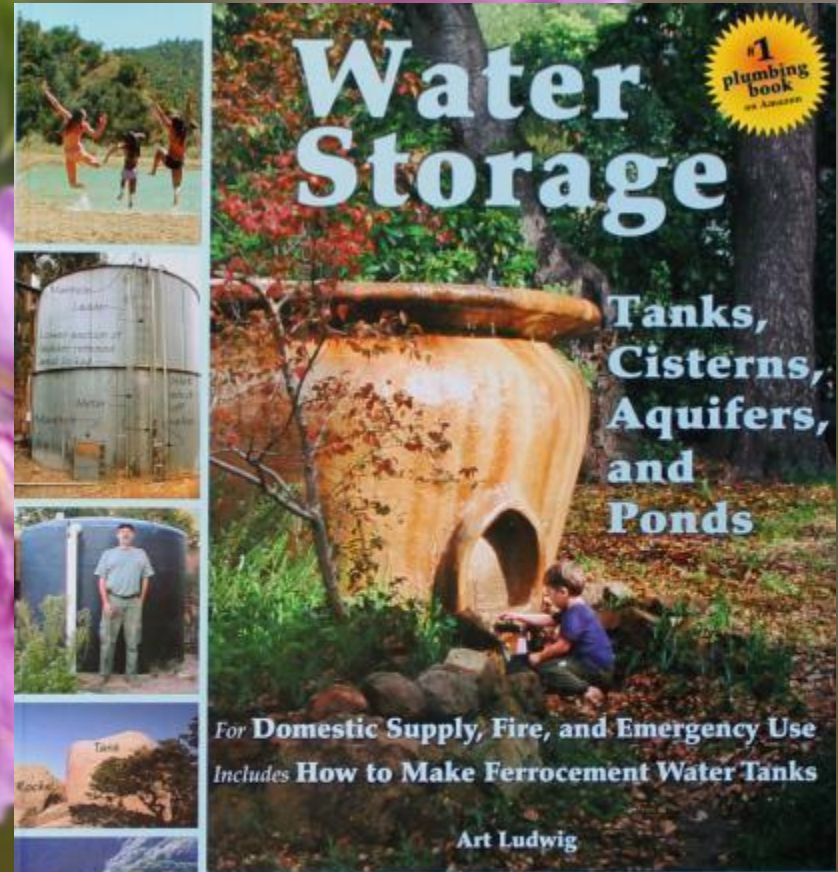
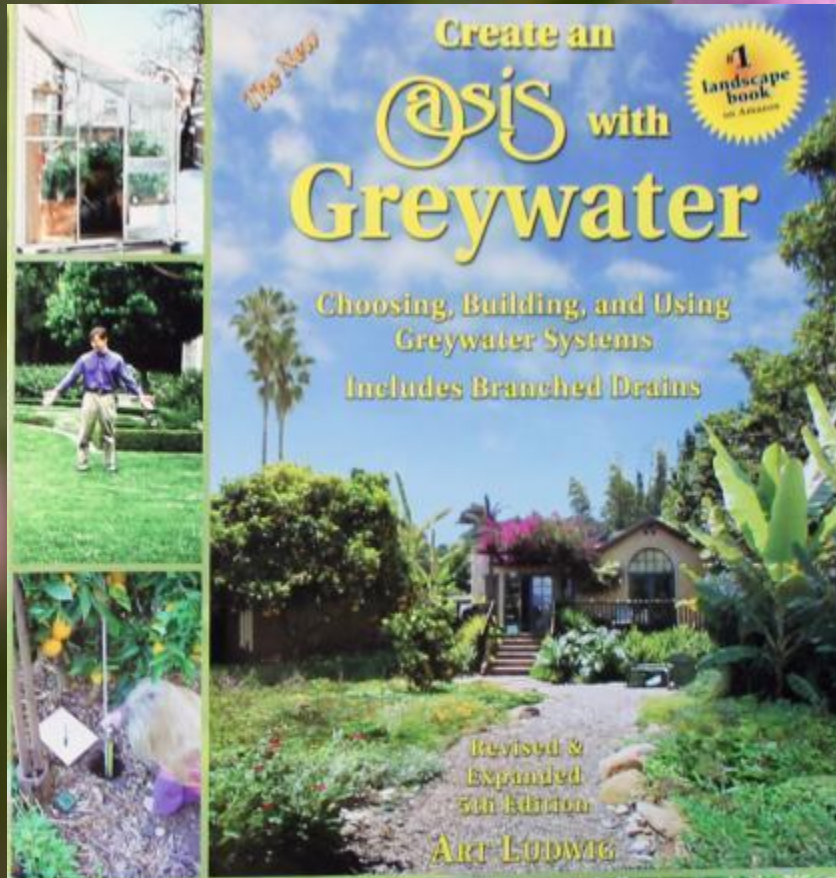
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A desert landscape featuring a river flowing through a rocky, arid environment. The foreground is dominated by a large, spiky cholla cactus. The background shows a mix of green and brown shrubs and trees under a clear blue sky.

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