Watering Bag Instructions

Step 1:
Place back of watering bag against trunk, with zippers on the uphill side of tree. Wrap both sides around trunk until zippers meet together. Zip both sides of bag together from bottom to top.

Step 2:
Lift up tag at top of bag to expose fill opening. Insert water hose (up to 3” diameter) into fill opening, turn on water supply and begin filling. NOTE: Fill bag only to approximately 1/4 capacity.

Step 3:
Gently lift up on the two black straps at top of bag in order to fully expand bottom.

Step 4:
Fill with water to the top of bag. The watering bag will be empty in approximately 5 to 9 hours. Small holes are located at the bottom of the bags to release water. Please make sure these holes do not become clogged. One can remove bags after water is released or keep on trees for the duration of the watering season. However, please make sure to remove bags from trees post watering season. We do not encourage putting fertilizer in the watering bags or fertilizing the trees. Fertilizers usually damage young trees.

*Make sure lawn mowers or string trimmers do not hit base of trees or watering bags.
*Use watering bags on 1 inch or greater caliper trees.

Helpful video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMpVdCkM7ho

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