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HELPING CANBERRA'S YOUNG TREES THROUGH THE DROUGHT

Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) wishes to advise residents that they will commence the watering of young trees across Canberra on 23 October 2006.

As a result of the ongoing drought it is necessary to start watering young trees now to ensure their survival. Approximately 19,000 trees, less than three years old, will be watered in suburbs across Canberra with watering expected to continue until May 2007.

Residents are reminded that they can assist with the successful establishment of young trees by pouring a couple of buckets of greywater around the base of young trees each week during the summer months.

Community assistance in helping these young trees through a hot, dry summer is appreciated by both the trees and TAMS.

During spring and summer TAMS will watering some turf areas during the day at sites across Canberra where the annual spring renovation program has been carried out. Watering will be required during the day while seed beds develop and new turf strikes over the coming months.

Statement ends: 18 October 2006

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