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Prolonged drought is a problem for urban plants

The current extremely dry weather is a problem for plants - also in Bocholt. In the cool and rainy spring, the vegetation has grown quickly, and the lack of rain is currently causing headaches. The waste disposal and service company (ESB) is therefore currently in constant use to water municipal trees and flower beds.

The current very dry weather is already showing clear effects: For example, some plants in the urban area are already showing the first signs of damage due to the heat. The damage can include leaf shedding, the formation of dead wood, partial death of crown areas and burst bark. There are also seeded beds that are unlikely to sprout this year due to lack of moisture.

To protect especially the young trees in the city area, the municipal waste disposal and service company (ESB) is placing about 800 watering bags on three- to five-year-old trees in the area of Bocholt's city centre and at locations that are difficult to reach. The city of Bocholt asks for your understanding that the allocation of the watering bags has to be prioritised, which is why not every tip from the citizens can be implemented.

In addition to the use of the watering bags, several thousand young trees, street and park trees and several thousand square metres of planting areas are watered directly by the ESB, for which six vehicles are in use Monday to Saturday until the early evening hours. Intensively used lawns in municipal parks are also watered, as is the sunbathing lawn at Bocholt's Aasee.

Also think about urban green beds

With the current extreme weather, it can happen that especially the green beds on residents' streets suffer. Here, the city of Bocholt also asks residents to support the municipal efforts: A little water from the garden hose can help get the tree in the green bed by the street through the dry weeks, says the city.