Step 3: Design Your System (Calculate how much drip you can water at one time)

With your gallons per minute calculation, how much drip tape can you use at one time?

Find flow rate on label of drip irrigation package
• Example: 3.0 GPM per minute/100ft of drip tape

GPM of water source/GPM of Drip tape X 100ft

Gallons Per minute / gpm per 100ft = number of 100 ft lengths

100 GPM/3.0 = 33.3
33.3 X 100ft = 3,330ft
Pump can handle 3,330ft of drip tape
22 lines, 150ft long
Step 3: Design Your System (Calculate how much drip you can water at one time)

Example: You have 60 lines of drip tape, each line is 200ft long. The flow rate is 2 gallons per minute for every 100ft of drip tape.

How much water do you need?

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Total length of drip tape / specified length X GPM of specified length = Total GPM required
Row Spacing

2012
Two lines of 1.75L/hr drip line per bed
One line of 3.75L/hr drip line per bed

2013
Two lines of 1.6L/hr drip line per bed
Underground Installation

Pros
• You won’t drive over your pipes
• Once installed, easy to use
• Simply glue pipes together

Cons
• Difficult to install in wet soil
• Difficult to repair if there is a leak
Layout of Drip Irrigation System
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Orchard Irrigation
Step 3: Design Your System (Trees)

You have emitters that water trees 2 gallons per hour. There are 2 emitters per tree. You want to give 100 gallons per tree per watering. Your orchard contains 300 trees.

How many gallons per minute do you need?

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\begin{align*}
2 \text{ gallons/hour} & \times 2 \text{ emitters/tree} \times 300 \text{ trees} \\
= 1200 \text{ gallons per hour} \\
1200 \text{ gallons per hour} & \div 60 \text{ minutes} \\
= 20 \text{ gallons per minute}
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Step 3: Design Your System (Trees)

How long do you need to water?

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\frac{2 \text{ gallons/hour}}{2 \text{ emitters/tree}} = 4 \text{ gallons/hour} \\
\frac{100 \text{ gallons/tree}}{4 \text{ gallons/hour}} = 25 \text{ hours}
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