

ESTABLISHING YOUR NEW PLANT

After following proper planting procedures it is important to maintain adequate moisture in the soil while the plant establishes new roots.

- Watering should be done slowly and deeply. It is best to water at a trickle for an extended period of time. Watering should be slow enough that there is no runoff and the entire root zone of the new plant is saturated. It is ideal to water in either the morning or evening. For larger trees and shrubs it may be easier to use a soaker hose or irrigation bag.
- For the first week or so plants will need water daily
- After the first week or so your new plant will need to be watered 2-3 times a week for about a month. For the first year or two of establishment, plants should be watered in times of drought about once a week.
- Plants and soil types have a lot to do with how much and how often you will need to water. If you are not sure if your plant needs water, stick your finger in the soil. If the top 1" of soil is dry, you should water.

