



Guidelines for watering your new plants.

These are intended to be guidelines only. You will need to monitor weather conditions as well as your soil conditions. Some areas will hold water longer while others will soak up water quickly. You will need to make adjustments as necessary for your particular landscape.

Any warranty on plant material will be void if proper watering has not taken place, this includes over watering.

Lawn sprinkler systems should NOT be used to water trees, shrubs and perennials. They are specifically designed for turf applications only. Do not set a sprinkler on a hose and leave it running to water your plants. We have seen overwatering too many times from this. It is easy to forget about that sprinkler and the plants drown.

Get down and dirty! Check the moisture of your soil in and around your newly installed plants before a watering and especially before changing your watering schedule. **Check 2 to 3 inches down not just at the surface.** This is the best, most effective and accurate way of determining your plants watering needs. The soil should be cool and damp, not wet/muddy or dry and hard.

Don't forget about your new plants during the season following planting them. They will still require watering based on your local conditions during year 2 and 3.

Trees:

Set your hose to a very light trickle, barely enough to keep the water flowing. Place the hose at the base of the tree trunk and let the water run for:

- **Step one:** 25 – 35 minutes twice a week for the first week.
- **Step two:** 10 to 20 minutes twice a week for the next 2 weeks.
- **Step three:** 20 minutes once a week for the remainder of the first season.
- **During season 2** you will need to pay attention to weather conditions, if a pattern of very dry weather occurs, begin a watering pattern starting with step 2. Monitor conditions by checking the moisture content of the soil down at least 2 inches approximately 12" to 20" away from the trunk depending on the size of the tree. The soil should be moist, not muddy and not dry/hard.

Shrubs:

Shrubs should be watered by hand with a garden hose. The water should be flowing at a medium rate, usually with the hose turned almost all the way on. If you have high water pressure, turn the water down as to avoid washing out dirt and mulch. Water as follows:

- **Step one:** Water every other day for the first 10 days. Apply water in the center base of the shrub. Each shrub should be watered for 20 seconds.
- **Step two:** Water 3 times per week for 20 seconds each.

Shrubs Continued:

- **Step three:** Water as needed for the rest of the season by checking moisture levels in the soil as well as wilting habits on deciduous shrubs. Any wilting/drooping means the plant has gone too long without water and watering should be increased.
- **During season 2** you will need to pay attention to weather conditions, if a pattern of very dry weather occurs, begin a watering pattern starting with step 3. Monitor conditions by checking the moisture content of the soil down at least 2. The soil should be moist, not muddy and not dry/hard.

Perennials:

Perennials should be watered by hand with a garden hose. The water should be flowing at a medium rate, usually with the hose turned almost all the way on. If you have high water pressure, turn the water down as to avoid washing out dirt and mulch. Water as follows:

- **Step one:** Water every other day for the first 10 days. Apply water in the center base of the plant. Each plant should be watered for 10 - 15 seconds.
- **Step two:** Water 3 times per week for 10 - 15 seconds each.
- **Step three:** Water as needed for the rest of the season by checking moisture levels in the soil as well as wilting habits. Any wilting/drooping means the plant has gone too long without water and watering should be increased.
- **During season 2** you will need to pay attention to weather conditions, if a pattern of very dry weather occurs, begin a watering pattern starting with step 3. Monitor conditions by checking the moisture content of the soil down at least 2. The soil should be moist, not muddy and not dry/hard.

Remember, these are guidelines only. Please check your specific landscape conditions. Any warranty on plant material will be void if proper watering has not taken place.