

GUIDE TO WATERING

**NEWLY PLANTED
PERENNIALS,
TREES, & SHRUBS**



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PROTECT YOUR NEW INVESTMENT

WATER YOUR NEWLY PLANTED
PERENNIAL, TREE, OR SHRUB BY HAND

SHOULD I RELY ON A SPRINKLER?

Sprinklers are NOT adequate for newly planted trees and shrubs. They are meant for shallow-rooted plants such as grass, groundcovers, and annuals, and are not sufficient to meet the watering needs of more deeply-rooted perennials, trees, and shrubs.

HOW MUCH WATER IS NEEDED?

- **Large Trees** – 10-20 gallons, 1x-2x/week
- **Shrubs** – 5-10 gallons, 1x-2x/week
- **5 gallons of water:** Open-ended hose running in a steady stream at plant's base for 12 minutes
- **10 gallons of water:** Open-ended hose running at plant's base for 25 minutes in a slow, steady stream

WHEN SHOULD I WATER?

- **Water ASAP if the plant is dry.** Optimal watering times are in early morning. Do not wait until the evening to water.
- **Water during daylight hours only** – watering after sundown increases the potential of fungal spores developing on foliage.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I WATER?

Heavy watering every second or third day is preferred over frequent light waterings. New plantings should have weekly waterings for the first and second growing seasons.

WHEN SHOULD I BE WATERING MORE FREQUENTLY?

- **Drought conditions** – water **deeply** 2x/week
- **Windy conditions** – water twice a week

SHOULD I WATER EVEN WHEN IT RAINS?

- **Sprinkling of rain** – not sufficient to count as one watering
- **Downpour for ~5 minutes** – not sufficient to count as one watering (unable to adequately soak in ground without runoff)
- **Full day of steady rain** – sufficient to equal ONE round of watering

IF UNABLE TO PLANT IMMEDIATELY

Remember to water unplanted containerized or burlapped/balled plants **DAILY**.

DO I NEED TO WATER IN THE SPRING/FALL?

Dry Conditions: Yes, watering may have to begin as early as April, or continue into November.