



Care Instructions for Your New Landscaping



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What you need to do:

- Sufficient quantities of water should be applied daily during the first week after installation and reduced to 34 days a week during the first month.
- From that point, a deep soaking should be applied through the end of the fall season. Dry or hot periods during the summer may require additional applications of water.



- Please contact our office at 860-282-9496 with any questions or concerns regarding your new lawn or landscape. We are here to help and are 100% committed to the sustainability of all of our installs!

- Use a hand held hose to apply water to your new plants. A standard nozzle or water wand works well for this. Apply the water at the base of the plant, directly to the root zone for maximum benefit.
- Soaker hoses are also an efficient option.
- How long you should water each plant depends on the size of the root zone, your soil type and water pressure. Newly planted trees, shrubs or perennials will have a limited initial root zone.
- When the water begins to puddle at the base of the plant and begins to run off, you have applied enough. Give the water a chance to soak into the mulch/soil, then reapply more water for a deep soaking effect.
- Adjust the water pressure of your nozzle or wand to ensure the flow of water is not eroding or disturbing the ground/mulch around the plant.
- Remember ... slower is better! Deep watering encourages a deep, drought resistant root system.
- Too much water can be just as detrimental as not enough. If the soil around the plant is kept too wet, the leaves may turn a lighter shade of green or yellow, sometimes wilting.



- The best way to determine if you need to water is to place your hand into the soil around the base of the plant. If the soil is dry, the plant needs water. If not, wait a day and check again.
- Most plant problems that occur in the early stages of a new landscape can be traced back to improper watering practices.
- It is during this critical stage that a plant can suffer irreversible damage.
- Take some time initially to master these practices. After a few growing seasons, your plantings will have established a proper root system and will only need supplemental watering during prolonged dry periods.



- Fertilization: A balanced fertilizer was incorporating into the soil when your plantings were installed.
- After the first growing season, a balanced granular starter fertilizer can be applied to all new plantings.
- After the second growing season, all purpose tree or shrub fertilizer or a specific "formula" based fertilizers can be applied.
- Be sure to always follow the instructions provided with any fertilizer.