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Watering Instructions

Newly planted landscapes will be watered in really well at the completion of the job. The amount of water and how often you need to water will vary by season and your property. To keep a new landscape healthy you must pay close attention to watering for the 1st year. Landscapes planted in the spring or summer will require close attention everyday until the cooler winter weather arrives. Landscapes planted in the fall and winter will still need attention but not on a daily basis. Even if the fall/winter plants appear established, make sure they get regular water in their first spring and summer. A good rule of thumb is a deep watering twice a week. Please note that if your landscape was planted in the spring/summer you may need more. If it was planted in the fall/winter you may need less. The best way to know if you are watering enough is to keep a close look at the plants. Here are some more great tips below, adapted from Riverhill Garden Center.

Water early. If you cannot water in the early morning, do not wait until any later than two hours before sunset. Watering any later can cause disease because foliage cannot fully dry.

Water consistently. Soil should be evenly moist. Plants need to be watered if the top inch or two is dry, unless rain is predicted.

Water deeply. The top five inches of soil should be moist. Otherwise you will cause shallow root growth, which will cause the plant to wilt easily.

Water purposefully. Direct the stream to the base of the plant and avoid wetting the foliage. Use a hose, drip or trickle irrigation, NOT a lawn sprinkler!

Water frequently (during droughts). Sand and heavy clay soils lose moisture more quickly.

Mulch. Add about two inches of mulch to prevent water loss. Place it carefully around the plant and do not let it touch the trunk or crown.

Don't give up! Withered and wilted plants can recover once watered. Deciduous plants should be stripped of dead leaves to assist and speed recovery.