



## WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

For New Trees:

1. Keep the soil moist but not soaked: Over-watering causes leaves to turn yellow and fall off. Water trees at least 1-2 times a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot weather. When the soil is dry below the surface of the mulch, it is time to water. Deep soakings are much better than frequent shallow watering. The best way to know if your tree needs watering is to dig down into the soil surrounding the tree and feeling with your hand check to see if the soil is moist or not. When watering place your hose in the “dish” around the tree and turn in on a slow trickle for 30-40 minutes.

A starter fertilizer should be used when planting your tree with a repeat application in one month. Additional fertilization should not be applied for a one year period.

2. For New Shrubs

Keep the soil moist. Watering should be done for a minimum of 3 weeks following planting. Shrubs should be watered with a slow trickle of the hose for approximately 15 minutes at a time. Watering may be needed more frequently than trees as the plants are at a shallower depth. 3-4 times a week may be needed. Always check around the soil of the shrubs to see if the soil is moist or not. Soaker hoses are an excellent way to establish new shrubbery. They not only save time but also water and are an investment, which will pay for itself.

A starter fertilizer should be used when planting your shrubs with a repeat application in one week, and one month. Additional fertilization should not be applied for a one year period.

3. Perennials and Grasses

Perennials and grasses often are planted in a one- gallon container size. Their root system is in the top 6” inches of soil. By keeping your mulch moist you will keep your perennials and grasses moist. Over-watering may cause root rot. When watering, be sure that there is not puddling in your mulch. Watering of 5-10 minutes is all that is needed. Check beneath your mulch to see if it is moist or not, before watering.

If you have any questions regarding watering or plant care please feel free to call us at Allied Nursery, (815) 722-2280.