

WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

For New Trees & Shrubs

- Water Deep to promote deep root growth.
- Water for a minimum of 3 weeks following the planting of your new tree.
- Water with a slow trickle of the hose for approximately 15 minutes at a time.
- Water new trees 3 -4 times a week if needed. Less if it has rained, more if temperatures are over 85 degrees or there are high winds.
- Check existing soil around the perimeter of the tree for excess water.
- Soaker hoses are an excellent way to help establish new trees. They not only save time but also water and are an investment which will pay for itself.
- A started fertilizer should be used when planting your tree, with a repeat application in one week, and again at one month. Additional fertilization should not be applied for a one year period.

For New Perennials & Grasses

- Planting & Watering
 - Perennials and grasses are often planted in one gallon container size. Their root system is in the top 6" of soil. By keeping your mulch moist, you will keep your plants sufficiently watered. When watering, be sure that the water does not start to puddle in your mulch. Over watering will cause root rot. Watering on a spray for 5-10 minutes is sufficient. Check nightly to see if mulch is moist.
- Fertilizer Rates:
 - Generally, the fertilizer requirements for new beds consists of adding about two pounds of 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of garden bed area. Till this in at the time of bed preparation.