



Water...Water and Water!

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Hello! I want to send out a quick article on the importance of watering as this hot summer ends. Hope everyone is enjoying the last of the summer days and if we can be of assistance give us a call.



Learning how to water properly takes time and practice mixed with a good dose of common sense, don't wait until you see plants wilting... it might be too late. It's up to you to keep your plants alive and thriving. Newly installed plants need extra care and watering attention after being planted. As the old adage says, "the first year newly planted plants

sleep, the second year they creep and the third year they leap" is really true. Plants require extra care and attention during drought periods.

During periods of stress the soil type, temperature, exposure, and season of the year may affect your watering schedule, thus confusing the person providing watering. Expect that your watering schedule will change throughout the year and from area to area within your garden based upon the many variables that Mother Nature brings each season of the year.

A general rule of thumb, plants that grow in our climate like to have a minimum of 1 inch of water per week, preferably in several doses versus a big downpour.

Minimum Watering Requirements:

- Deciduous Trees, 2-3.5" caliper – 20 gallons per plant
- Evergreen Trees, 6-10' height - 15 gallons per plant

- Shrubs, 18-24” height or spread – 2.5 gallons per plants
- Perennials, Grasses, Vines, 1 gallon size – 2 gallons per plant
- If your plants are larger or smaller than the ones listed above, adjust the water quantity accordingly.

Weather factors: Air Temperatures, Precipitation and wind affect soil moisture.

- Cool, dry weather: water every 2-5 days, being sure to check soil moisture before waiting.
- Cool, wet weather: Water every 7-14 days. Plant roots can rot if they’re sitting in water for long period of time causing decline and death of the plant. During cool, wet weather you may not need to water at all since natural rainfall might be sufficient check the soil.

If you have any questions concerning the watering needs of your lawn and plants be sure to contact us!



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