



PLANT CARE: A WATERING GUIDE



TREES

- Trees should be mulched with 1-3 inches of hardwood mulch. Mulch should not be piled up against the trunk.
- Stakes, if necessary, should remain no longer than one year.
- Slow, deep watering is recommended. This can be achieved by applying 10 gallons of water per inch of tree diameter to the critical root zone (drip line) with a watering wand, soaker hose, or sprinkler. See recommendations below.
- April thru October water weekly. November thru March water 1-2 times per month when temperatures are over 40 degrees and no snow cover exists.

*Diameter →	1 inch	2 inches	3 inches	4 inches
Watering Wand(4gpm)	3 minutes	5 minutes	8 minutes	10 minutes
Soaker Hose (2gpm-50ft length with flow restrictor)	5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes

* Consult your estimate/invoice for the size tree planted (i.e. 1.75" cal. is equivalent to a 2 inch diameter) or measure with a ruler at waist height.

SHRUBS

- Shrubs should be mulched with 1-3 inches of hardwood mulch.
- Small shrubs should be watered with 4-6 gallons of water per week.
- Large shrubs should be watered with approximately 10 gallons of water per week.



PERENNIALS

- Perennial beds should be mulched with 1-3 inches of hardwood mulch.
- Water beds so plants get watered with 1 inch of water per week in ½ inch increments. Use a rain gauge or tin can to measure the amount of water plants are getting.
- Remove spent flowers (dead heading) to extend blooming and allow for energy storage or expenditure on root development.
- In the fall, once top growth has died back, remove it to within 2 inches of the ground. Some plants such as sedum and certain grasses add winter interest to gardens and can be left until early spring.
- As a general rule, division of spring/summer bloomers should be done in the fall and fall bloomers should be divided in the spring.

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH ANY ASPECT OF YOUR PLANTS' CARE. PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS CUSTOMIZING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS....

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