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Garden Center & Landscape Service

Watering Tips for your New Landscape Installation

Proper watering is the most important factor for the establishment of new landscape plants, including trees and shrubs. Newly planted trees and shrubs need 1½ to 2 inches of irrigation per week from April through mid to late October. Rainfall can only be relied on if more than 1 inch falls per episode, and the plant is in a position to receive it.

We recommend soaking new trees and shrubs 2–3 times a week for 15 min to start. Then during the hottest, driest weather give the plant more water, but less frequently. The best technique is a slow trickle from a hose, mimicking steady rainfall. Most new perennials and annuals should be watered more frequently, but for a much shorter period of time. These herbaceous plants typically don't root as deeply and should receive water 3 times a week. They are best watered using a wand on a hose end or other "water-breaking" device to supply a gentle, thorough shower of water for a few minutes each.

An organic mulch (pine bark, needles, hardwood bark, compost) is also recommended to conserve soil moisture, moderate soil temperature, and discourage weed competition. It also provides an essential mower/string trimmer barrier. No more than 2–3 inches of mulch is necessary- avoid the plant's trunk!

ADDITIONAL CARE NOTES:

For more expert information on site placement, proper planting, maintenance, and fertilization, visit our website, plantkingdom.net, or stop by our store and speak with one of our professional team members.