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## Caring for Your New Landscape

### Sod Care

- Water new sod immediately upon installation and continue watering daily for 10 to 14 days after installation.
- For the first 7-10 days, water sod thoroughly so that you cannot walk on it without sinking in.
- After sod has been established (when it does not pull up when gently tugged) a good watering once or twice a week is preferred over light sprinklings daily.

### Perennial Care

- Perennials need to be watered well immediately after planting. For about 2 weeks after that, you should check plants daily to be sure the ground around them has adequate moisture. **WATCH FOR WILTING PLANTS!** After that, perennials should be given 1" of water every week (either by rain or you). Let the soil and the plants be your guide!
- Deadheading improves the look of most plants and many perennials will rebloom after the spent flowers are removed.

### Tree & Shrub Care: Deciduous & Evergreen

- Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered immediately after planting. Over the next 2 weeks (or more if necessary), be sure your new tree material gets a minimum of 1" of water every other day. After your plant is established, you will need to supplement its water schedule for the first year. Using 1-2" of water every 4 to 7 days should be adequate, again either by rainfall or hand watering.
- Newly planted trees require 2-3 years for their root systems to become fully established. During this time, extra watering and special care are necessary.
- The best way to water your trees and shrubs is the slow-soak method. This will allow the moisture to go deep to the bottom of the roots. The majority of the water-absorbing roots are in the top 18" of ground.

### Fertilizing

- Do not fertilize your sod directly after installation. Once well established (we recommend one season), you may follow a regular fertilization program per manufacturer's directions to keep your lawn lush and weed-free.
- Perennials need to be well situated in their new environment, at least one year, before attempting to fertilize. After that, if you wish to fertilize your perennials apply a granular (dry) slow-release fertilizer according to package directions.