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## Watering Guidelines

As with all plants, infrequent/deeper waterings are best so as the soil dries, the roots dive down in the soil looking for water. This keeps roots below surface and more protected from the elements.

- 1. New sod:** Daily for 2 weeks, ½ hour per zone. After 2 weeks, water every other day (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) ½ hour per zone. Mow high after 2 weeks, then shorter 2 few days later. Do not water the day before mowing.
- 2. Existing sod:** During hottest months, water 2-3 days per week, ½ hour per zone. Infrequent and deep waterings will keep roots deep below the surface, which makes the turf more resistant to weather conditions.
- 3. New Shrubs:** 1-2 days per week, about 1 minute per shrub or 20 minutes with a soaker hose. Water the roots, not the leaves.  
\*Soil should be checked prior to watering by sticking finger in the soil. If soil is dry, apply water; if soil is wet, leave for another day. These plants have deeper roots and need less frequent watering. For example, Hydrangeas will require a little more water than Viburnums, so be sure to check each individually.
- 4. Perennials:** For the first 2-3 weeks, check every other day, no less than 3 days per week. After the first 2-3 weeks, water 1-2 times per week. Keep checking the soil 2-3 times a week, and water if needed, especially during periods of drought.
- 5. Annual Flowers:** Should be checked daily. After 3 weeks, should only require watering 2-3 times per week.
- 6. Grass Seed:** Unlike other plantings, grass seed needs to remain wet during the germination process. The seeded areas can be watered 1-2 times per day to achieve this. As the seed is on the soil surface, deeper watering's for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2-3 weeks are not required just even watering's until all soil is moist. Do not overwater; this could result in seed run off. After germination the watering should be daily and then longer, deeper watering's are required.
- 7. Trees:** New trees have very large root systems The best way to water is either use a Gator Bag that you fill once every 2-3 days and it slowly drips water on the tree or leaving a hose out on the base of the tree at a slow trickle for 20 minutes.

### **Helpful Tip:**

Always look at the plants to see if they need water. If they look good and the soil is a little wet, leave them for a day. When the temperature goes up, so does the amount of water required. Plants that haven't been watered in a few days and are drooping should be watered A.S.A.P. Most plants will bounce back from wilting after water is absorbed. Remember that the roots require time where the soil is slightly dry in order to absorb oxygen, so keeping soil soggy at all times will result in little growth and possibly death. It is possible to water too much, just as it is possible to water too little.

The above are guidelines, not exact directions. All watering is weather dependent. Make adjustments according to temperature and rainfall. Please call/email with any questions.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks after planting are crucial to the long term health of the plant.  
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