

Watering Instructions

This page provides general guidelines for taking care of your new landscape. If you have specific questions or care concerns, please contact your designer.

Perennials and Groundcovers: Water daily after planting and taper off to once a week over the first month. During the first two years in the ground, they should get a good soaking once a week.

Shrubs: Newly planted shrubs need to be watered every 2 to 3 day in the first weeks, depending on the outside temperature and the soil's moisture. During periods of extreme heat or drought, you should water every day. Allow for a few dry days between watering so that some air can circulate back to the roots. Taper off the watering over the next two months, until you are watering once a week for the first two years.

Trees: Since the root ball is large on trees, deep watering is needed. The first waterings should be with an open ended hose on a trickle, leaving it close to the trunk for a half hour to an hour, depending on the size of the tree. Continue these deep waterings, leaving intervals of 2 to 3 dry days between to allow air to circulate back into the soil. Taper off the watering over the next month, and in the next year, be mindful of dry periods lasting 7 to 10 days. Add deep waterings at these times. Once a week, the tree should be getting a good soaking.

Lawns: Seeded and sodded lawns need a lot of attention. Please keep seeded areas moist all the time.

Seed germination can take 7 to 30 days depending on the variety of grass seed and soil temperatures. The goal is moist, but not soggy soil until the area is showing densely green growth. This may mean several light waterings on some days if it is warm and windy.

Sod needs to be kept moist constantly. You will know that it is taking root by tugging on it a bit. Please continue to water deeply to encourage the roots to go deeper into the soil. During extreme heat, recently installed sod should be watered every day.