

Pro Landscapers Care Guide to Your New Landscape.



Plant Care & Maintenance

Initial watering after plants are installed is crucial. All new plants should be watered daily, especially in the hot, Summer months. Set the hose to a 'heavy trickle' at the base of the plant. Water perennials and shrubs for 1-2 minutes. Trees require more water. The diameter of the tree will determine the amount of water required. Approximately, 10 gallons of water per inch of diameter, per week. After 2-3 weeks of watering is established, reduce watering to a constant once per week. Frequency and duration of watering times must be adjusted depending on weather conditions. Temperature, wind, and rain will affect the amount of water needed.

Do NOT over water. Always check the soil conditions at the base of the plant before watering to determine if moisture is present. If too much water is present, the foliage may be yellow.

Late Fall Watering

Late fall watering is essential for evergreens and trees prior to freeze up. It is beneficial to water all plant material prior to the final freeze (normally late November) to ensure plant health throughout the winter and into the following Spring.

Fertilization

All trees, shrubs and perennials have been fertilized prior to installation, therefore, it is not recommended to fertilize the first year. Fertilization can be done every 2-3 years, depending on the plant species. It is critical when fertilizing, to apply a light watering before fertilizer is applied and a heavy watering after fertilizer is applied to eliminate burning and drying of plant roots. The best time to fertilize is early spring or late fall. It is not recommended to fertilize between June 1st – August 31st. Plant fertilizer can be purchased at most Hardware stores. Be sure to read labels and follow the recommend instructions to ensure proper application. Know the difference between evergreen and deciduous plant fertilizers.

These are generic guidelines, please be sure to check each plant individually for specific needs. Please contact us with any questions regarding your new plants.

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