



NEW PLANT CARE-WATERING

Taking care of your new plants is vital in their successful establishment. The specifics of care and watering, as suggested below are a simple way to help ensure happy, healthy plants.

HOW MUCH?

From a simplicity standpoint, we recommend watering your plants at *least* 1-2" per week. You can do this with an inexpensive watering hose and a rain gauge, a soaker hose or hand watering. The point to drive home here is to make sure your plant gets enough water. Also keep in mind that temperature affects evaporation rates, so naturally during summer when temperatures are hotter, you'll want to water more than fall. Watering foliage also helps the plant regulate water intake.

WHEN?

The time of day you water is also important. This again has to do with weather and evaporation rates. The cool of the morning is the best time to water, as less water is lost to evaporation and more is able to be absorbed. If you cannot water in the morning, the next best alternative is to water at night, when the temperatures begin to cool down. This of course varies based on the time of year as well.

FOR HOW LONG?

For the first few weeks, watering every day is strongly recommended. After this, slowing down watering frequency depends on soil/weather. The first year is the most critical where supplementing water in light of rain amounts and heat stress is imperative. In the 2nd year, keeping the plants watered when rain is scarce is also important. Keeping an eye on your plants, especially larger trees/shrubs in the first few years will be the most important over time.

