



WATERING NEW PLANTS IN THE LANDSCAPE

Watering new plants correctly is critical to the life of the plant. **The greatest cause of plant loss is due to improper watering.** Both watering too much, or too little, can be injurious or kill new plants.

Remember if you are not going to plant the day of purchase, container grown plants should be watered appropriately to maintain moisture content. This could be one to two times per day on a hot summer day or every other day depending on weather.

Container grown plants after their initial watering during the planting procedure will need to be **watered thoroughly once per week for 4 -6 weeks. During exceptional dry or hot periods like July , August, September or October they will require watering 2 to 3 times per week.**

Soil varies and different locations on the same site will vary in the rate at which water is soaked in. It is far better to water more thoroughly and less frequently which allows excess water to drain beneath the plants roots.

You can test the soil to determine if it needs watering by taking a three foot long wooden stick and inserting it into the soil up to a foot deep. Remove the wooden stick and if it is very wet at the bottom, don't water. This is helpful during periods of frequent rain when the new plant may not need to be watered at all. Also, you can purchase a moisture meter to determine the moisture content of the soil.

Remember a plant will show the same signs of decline if it is receiving too little or too much water. Check your soil.

Guide to approximate water amounts for container plant material:

1 gal. container:	1 gal. of water
3 gal. Container:	2 gal. of water
5- 7 gal. Container:	3 gal. of water
10-15 gal. Container:	5 gal. of water

We want your new plants to survive and flourish so give us a call if you have questions or need further help.

**We guarantee our plants to be disease and pest free when purchased – our replacement policy only applies to plants that are installed by our Garden Center Staff.*