

# TIPS & ADVICE

Proper watering will make a huge impact on the long-term health of new plants.

## **Check soil moisture before watering.**

When the soil surface looks dry, probe down a few inches to see if the soil is dry several inches down. If so, it's time to water. If not, wait a day.

**Recheck soil after watering.** At least an hour after you water, probe soil to see how deeply the water penetrated. If it didn't reach the root zone, you may need to increase your watering. If the area is soggy, try cutting back on watering time.

**Water in the morning,** so less evaporation occurs.

**Encourage deep roots** by allowing the top inch or two of soil to dry before watering again.

**Mulch for moisture.** Mulching the surface of the soil reduces evaporation allowing you to water less often.

**Focus on the rootzone.** Remember that it's the root system that need access to water, not the leaves. Wetting the foliage is a waste of water and can promote the spread of disease.

**Drooping leaves.** Generally, drooping leaves will mean that a plant needs water. However, this isn't always the case. Leaves can also droop as a result of too much water. Be sure to check the moisture level before watering to avoid overwatering.



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# WATERING

## NEW PLANT INSTRUCTIONS



**Installation Day:** Begin watering your newly installed plants as soon as possible. We recommend using a watering wand or open-ended hose (sprinklers and soaking hoses are not adequate for this phase of growth). Allow the water to soak in, then water again until the soil is thoroughly moistened.

**Week One:** Water plants daily or every other day. Just planted roots are only able to absorb soil moisture from a small area until they begin to grow.

**Week Two Onward:** Unless the weather is extremely hot and dry, you may be able to decrease watering frequency to two or three times per week until the fall begins.

*\*Follow these instructions Spring to Fall the first year.*

**Years 2 Through 3:** Water deeply only once or twice per week. Exactly how often and how long you water will depend on your soil and other conditions.

*\*Don't rely solely on rain, be sure to check soil conditions.*



Properly planted and watered plants should be fairly well established and able to withstand a wider range of water conditions.

Drought-tolerant may need no supplemental water, whereas shallow-rooted plants or plants with greater water needs may need weekly watering.

Many plants, when selected for the conditions in your yard, may need watering only once or twice a month in dry weather.



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