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Plant Watering Instructions

Growing Months (April – October):

- 1 Gallon Plants (primarily perennials) – Water 3 times per week for 2-3 weeks after installation, then twice per week for the remainder of the season, (.5 to 1 gallon per plant, approximately 15 seconds per plant)
- 3 Gallon Plants – Water 3 times per week for 2-3 weeks after installation, then twice per week for the remainder of the season, (2 to 3 gallons per plant, approximately 30 seconds per plant)
- 5-7 Gallon Plants – Water 3 times per week for 2-3 weeks after installation, then twice per week for the remainder of the season, (3 to 5 gallons per plant, approximately 45 seconds per plant)
- Trees – During the first year, water 10 gallons per inch of caliper per week, i.e., a 2-inch tree (10-14' tall) should get 20 gallons per week (approximately 5-10 minutes per tree). This watering should be performed throughout the week, not all on one day but spaced over two to three days.
- Ground Cover – Thoroughly soak the root ball and the soil immediately around each plant, 2-3 times per week for 2-3 weeks, then twice per week for the remainder of the season.

Dormant Months (November – March):

- 1 Gallon Plants – Water once per week (.5 to 1 gallon per plant, approximately 15 seconds per plant)
- 3 Gallon Plants – Water once per week (2 to 3 gallons per plant, approximately 30 seconds per plant)
- 5-7 Gallon Plants – Water once per week (3 to 5 gallons per plant, approximately 45 seconds per plant)
- Trees – Water 10 gallons per inch of caliper per week, i.e., a 2-inch tree (10-14' tall) should get 20 gallons per week. This watering should be performed throughout the week, not all on one day but spaced over 2-3 days.
- Ground Cover – Thoroughly soak the root ball and the soil immediately around each plant twice per week.

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Notes:

1. Disregard any rainfall unless it exceeds 2 inches at your location.
2. Some plants may require water more often than others. **The directions above are guidelines only.** Adjustments may have to be made for site conditions and plant differences. Never hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions about watering or any other plant care issue.
3. Always monitor soil moisture by feeling the soil under the plant and/or tree. Overwatering is possible in our heavy clay soils.
4. For best results and whenever possible watering should be done with a watering wand.
5. The above directions should be followed for approximately 6 months; after that period, the plants should be watered on an as-needed basis during dry periods. Supplemental watering during dry periods may need to continue indefinitely after installation depending upon the plant and site conditions.
6. Watering should be focused on the base of the plant. Wetting the foliage does not benefit the plant and can promote disease.
7. When possible, water in the morning or in the evening to minimize evaporation.