

Watering Guidelines for New Trees and Shrubs



Proper watering is essential for the survival and establishment of plants in the landscape.

Typically, new plants should be watered frequently and lightly (every 1-3 days) during their first few months in the landscape. Rain does not count unless it is quite plentiful (>1") or cool and damp conditions persist. You should be extra vigilant during hot, dry spells.

The amount of water to be given (at each watering) depends on the size of the plant. Provide 1-2 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter (trees) or for every foot of height (shrubs). For example, a 2-inch caliper tree should receive 2-4 gallons of water at each watering.

Initially (first few weeks), water should be applied directly over the original root ball, gradually expanding the area (around the plant) receiving water to reflect the growing root system.

We want you and your plants to be successful, so don't hesitate to ask our staff questions!



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