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Watering Instructions

The key to nurturing healthy plants that thrive in the landscape lies in ensuring they receive the appropriate amount of water. **GETTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF WATER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR YOUR PLANTS.** Finding the right balance is crucial as plants can suffer from both over-watering and under-watering, and the symptoms can be nearly identical. Moderation is the key. As your plants get rooted, you will need to water less.

How should I water?

Always water at the base of the plant using a slow trickle, about the width of pencil. Turf sprinklers will **NOT** provide adequate water for your new plants.

How often should I water?

Water Every Day Before Plants are Installed in the Ground if Temperature > 75 degrees F / Every other day if below 75 degrees F

Do not Water Every Day Once Planted. Excessive watering will drown your plants.

Our best Advice is to dig down into the soil and feel it with your hand weekly:

- Dig your fingers into the soil to a depth of a few inches (deeper for trees, using a shovel). **THIS IS THE ONLY TRUE WAY TO CHECK FOR ADEQUATE MOISTURE**
- Squeeze the soil in your hand and feel its texture.
- If the soil feels moist, cool, clumps together, and leaves a little moisture on your fingers, it indicates adequate moisture.
- You cannot always count on rain – need to check for moisture deep in the ground right by the roots of your plants to see if the rain was sufficient

A Few Tips to Keep in Mind:

- Hotter Temperatures = Plants require Water **MORE OFTEN (Check MOISTURE 2-3 times a week)**
- Drought damage is irreversible and often does not show up until the following year.
- Plants located in raised areas / on slopes will **dry out faster**
- Plants that are larger and more rooted will **compete** for water with newly planted or smaller plants, especially during drought-like conditions
- Mulching your plants with 2-3 inches of mulch will help them to retain moisture better
- Watering bags can make it simple to water trees (should always be emptying within 24 hrs)
 - Fill immediately after planting and then about 3 days later
 - Then, most trees will need filled every 7 days. Bags on large trees need filled twice (on the same day) each week or use 2 bags.

General Suggestions for a Watering Schedule / When to Check the Ground for Moisture

- Water in the plants immediately after planting

- Water every 3 -5 days for the first 2 weeks (every 3 days - container **shrubs** about 1-10 minutes each – depending on size) (every 5 days - Balled and Burlap material water 30 minutes – 3 hours depending on size). Do not allow your new plants to go bone dry.
- After the first 2 weeks water every 5 days on container material and every 7-10 days on B&B material, paying attention to Temperatures outside and moisture in the ground
- Water until the ground freezes in November. Many plants will need watered a second year depending on the weather. Please ask.

Fall Planted Material

- Water until the ground freezes in November the year you planted
- Resume watering as soon as it gets above **70** degrees and/ or the ground feel like it's starting to dry out

Planting Tips for Healthy Plants

1. We recommend leaving the rootball an **inch or two ABOVE** ground level when planting. This prevents the plant from sitting in a low spot and drowning. **When in doubt, plant higher**, even 3-4 inches above the ground level (planting too deep can be a problem for any kind of plant)
2. Make sure the bottom of the hole is not disturbed. Good compaction is important. The bottom of the rootball should make good contact with the bottom of the hole to prevent space that water can sit and therefore drown the plant.
3. If staking, put the blunt side toward the southwest (prevailing wind)
4. Leave the burlap, wire basket and rope intact (only leave the rope if it is NOT the plastic type)
5. Use mulch 2-3 inches deep
6. If you want to fertilize, do it in the spring. Tree Spikes or Osmocote are a good basic approach.

Guarantee

We do not Guarantee: Dogwood, Japanese Maple, Cherry, Weeping Cherry, Butterfly Bush

Guarantee If A. Brown & Sons is NOT Planting:

- A. Brown & Sons Nursery guarantee states that all plants we sell are in a healthy condition when leaving our nursery. Further, any plants that we sell are guaranteed for 90 (ninety) days from the date of invoice for fifty percent (50%) of the purchase. This can only be used to purchase replacement stock. The purchaser is responsible for proper care of the plants to protect their guarantee. Plants purchased after September 1st of each year are guaranteed until May 15th of the following year. The nursery does not guarantee replacement plants. We do not accept any claims after the guarantee period has expired.

Guarantee If A. Brown & Sons is Planting:

- A. Brown & Sons Nursery will guarantee one (1) year from the date the plants are installed. Plants that are not alive at the end of the guarantee period will be replaced by the Nursery. The Nursery does not guarantee replacement plants. The nursery will not guarantee plants that die from lack of maintenance. The purchaser is responsible for proper care of the plants to protect their guarantee. We do not accept any claims after the guarantee period has expired.

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