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Proper Watering Technique

GreenWeaver's landscape designs group together plants with similar cultural requirements, providing for long-term, low maintenance landscapes. During the first 2 years, regular irrigation is essential to your new installation's survival. GreenWeaver recommends watering in early morning. In hot afternoon sun, water evaporates rapidly and in the evening, plants are not actively utilizing the water and excess water can stimulate disease. Watering at anytime is better than not watering at all!

Encourage maximum plant growth with deep but infrequent watering. The directions below are guidelines; take into consideration days of extreme heat, cold, rain, or wind. To maximize water efficiency and minimize your efforts, water only the root zone and soil immediately surrounding the root zone. The second year after installation, supplemental water is only necessary during periods of drought.

Trees and shrubs:

- Water entire root system deeply and thoroughly; for a large tree, it may take up to an hour, for smaller shrubs, it may take 10 minutes. Time depends on the rate of watering, the size of the plant, soil properties, and percolation rate. Take into account recent rainfall when watering.
- Water extensively 1-2 times per week.

Perennials:

- Water the entire root system deeply and thoroughly. This can be done by hand, using a garden hose, or to cover large areas, use a sprinkler.
- In the spring and fall months, water 3-4 times per week.
- In the hot summer months, water 3-6 times per week.

Lawns (sod):

- Use a sprinkler to water sod until thoroughly saturated.
- Water edges of sod by hand with a garden hose because the edges dry out faster.
- Water daily the 1st week.
- Water 3 times per week until established (usually about 3 weeks).
- Water as needed for the rest of the season- weekly in the summer months.

Lawns (seed):

- Use a sprinkler to reach all areas of seed.
- Seed should be constantly moist, but not saturated.
- Water at least 1 time daily for first 2 weeks.
- Water regularly through establishment. Seed is established by 3rd mow, after germination.

Ask GreenWeaver about irrigating your landscape with recycled rain water!



