



WATERING

RULES AND EXCEPTIONS

The general rule is that plants require 1 inch of rainfall every 7-10 days once established. If plants wilt soon after planting, water thoroughly right away.

An exception to the rule is that very large and very small plants require different amounts of water. Trees and evergreens may only need watering 2-3 times a month whereas ground covers, annuals and perennials may need up to twice daily watering. Feel the soil at the base of your plant for moisture.



- Letting the hose run slowly at the base of each plant or using a soaker hose is a great way to water your new plants.
- Weather counts but don't be fooled by a brief shower. Hot days dry plants out quicker; cool days won't. Again, to be sure your plants need water, feel the soil at the base of your plant.
- Remember, too much water can be just as harmful as not enough water. If your soil remains constantly wet in some areas do not water unless it dries out.
- Sod and seed also require a daily or even twice daily watering in hot weather. When watering sod, lift up the edges to check the soil for moisture.
- In the upcoming years you will need to fertilize annually to encourage growth. In most cases, a granular time-release fertilizer is recommended.

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