# WATERING YOUR NEW PLANTS 

## NEWLY INSTALLED PLANTS

When first watering a newly installed plant, use an openended hose at moderate pressure. The amount of water depends on the size of your plant. See our Watering Guide for further details. Continue watering this way for the first seven days. After two weeks, cut back your watering to three times per week for the next two to four months.

NOTE: During this time, monitor rainfall and water accordingly. When in a drought, the soil around a newly installed plant will dry and wick supplemental water away from the plant. While it may seem like the recommended amount of water is in excess, the accommodation of wicking is vital for the plant's establishment.

Watering is very important and will promote deep root growth in the ground if done right. Shallow watering will only promote root growth at the soil service, which jeopardizes the plant's health in the long-term. Make sure that you're watching the soil, as drying can occur often and quickly.

You can also over-water plants, so be careful about watering too much. If plants are installed in the early spring or late fall, they don't always have to be watered as suggested. If you're concerned that a plant is receiving too much water, take a sturdy stick and put it in the ground next to the root. Pull it up and see if it is extremely wet or dry. If the stick is saturated, it is most likely full of water and certainly needs a break.

## ESTABLISHED PLANTS (IN GROUND 1+ YEARS)

During a dry spell in mid-summer, established plants benefit from occasional deep watering. Use our Watering Guide and depending on the weather, water once or twice weekly.


## WATERING GUIDE

## SMALL PLANTS <br> (1 gallon container) <br> 20 seconds or about $1 / 2$ <br> gallon of water per session

## MEDIUM PLANTS <br> (3-7 gallon container) <br> 45 seconds or about 1 gallon of water per session

## LARGE PLANTS

(15 gallon container, B\&B)
2 minutes or about 3 gallons of water per session


