

# Protect Your Investment: Remember to Water

All plants, but especially newly installed plantings, need adequate moisture to grow and thrive. Now is the time to hydrate your plants.

Here are some general guidelines for watering:

## Shade and Evergreen Trees

Trees require plenty of water to saturate the root ball and surrounding soil.

- For the first 10 to 15 days after planting, give trees 10 minutes of slow-running water every other day.
- Going forward, check the soil around each tree every day or so: If the soil crumbles, it's time to water.
- Water each tree by placing a slow-running hose at the base of the trunk.
- Allow trees to absorb moisture before watering again.



## Flowering Shrubs

You can take a lighter, more frequent approach when watering flowering shrubs.

- Water each plant individually with a slow-running hose at the base to saturate the root ball and surrounding soil; approximately 3 minutes. Repeat every other day for the first 3 weeks.
- Throughout the growing season, water every 4 to 5 days depending on rainfall.



## Evergreen Shrubs

Water each shrub individually, as needed.

- Check the soil around each shrub every day or so: If the soil crumbles, it's time to water.
- Apply enough water from a slow-running hose to saturate the root ball and surrounding soil; about 3 minutes.
- Allow evergreen shrubs to absorb moisture before watering again.



## Perennials and Grasses

Water is vital to keeping landscaping healthy.

- Water grasses and perennials every other day for the first 3 weeks after planting.
- Individually water plants with a slow-running hose for about 1 minute daily.



## And Remember:

- If you're going out of town, ask someone to water for you.
- New construction landscaping is very vulnerable: Especially if you haven't moved in yet, be vigilant about watering.
- Plants can't absorb water during the winter: Now is the time for thorough watering.

## Questions?

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