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## **Important!**

### **Shrub Watering Instructions for Newly Installed Plants**

Since new plants are subject to significant stress when they are taken from a nursery and installed at your home, it is important to keep them well watered. We have taken every precaution to ensure their success during the planting process by using compost and organic fertilizer, using proper planting techniques, and, of course, selecting the appropriate plant for each location.

Even when all these steps are taken, **watering remains the most critical element to ensure the plants' survival and long term success.**

**Note:** *Look closely at your plants each time you water. It is very important to inspect the soil with your finger below the mulch to see if it is still moist. Since it is possible to over water, the soil should be dry before you water again. If leaves are yellow and falling, then you may be applying too much water. Plants that have curling or wilting leaves or that have brown tips may need more water. In either case, if the plant looks like there is something wrong please call us.*

*The regime below should be followed for the first 2 years until the plant is established in its new home.*

The following are vital watering instructions we strongly urge you to follow.

**Instructions:** New plants installed this year or last need to be inspected every 4-7 days. Water them if the soil feels dry. Run your water from the end of the hose at a slow to moderate flow, directing the water into the saucer we created at the base of each shrub and perennial. Let the water run until the saucer is full, and move on to the next plant. Repeat this once or twice each time you water. This will ensure the water goes deeply into the soil. Deep watering can be done this way in 1/2-1 hour. Sprinklers can be used in between deep watering. Usually sprinklers and short rainstorms do not meet the watering needs of the plants during these early years.

Thank you again for your business and for your efforts in making the planting successful. We hope you enjoy the landscape.

