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WATERING GUIDE FOR PLANTS

Plants can brighten up and add texture to your landscaping. Of course, to keep your plants healthy — especially those that have been newly installed — you will need to use proper watering techniques to help your landscaping thrive. Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. WATER IN THE MORNING

Watering in the morning gives your plants a chance to absorb the water before the heat from the sun evaporates it. Watering in the morning will also help any leaves that have gotten wet dry off and make it harder for disease and insects to take hold of your plants.

2. DON'T OVER WATER

Find the right balance when watering your plants so that they don't get damaged. If too much water is applied, plants can get waterlogged and have a hard time fighting off disease and insect attacks. We recommend that you water the plants and then come back and water them again (1/2 time). Be sure that the soil is moist but not soggy or over saturated.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER

Unless there's heavy rain (1"), you will still need to water the plants. Also, keep in mind that if there's hot and dry weather (e.g., during summer months), your plants may require more watering.

4. REMOVE THE NOZZLE FROM YOUR HOSE

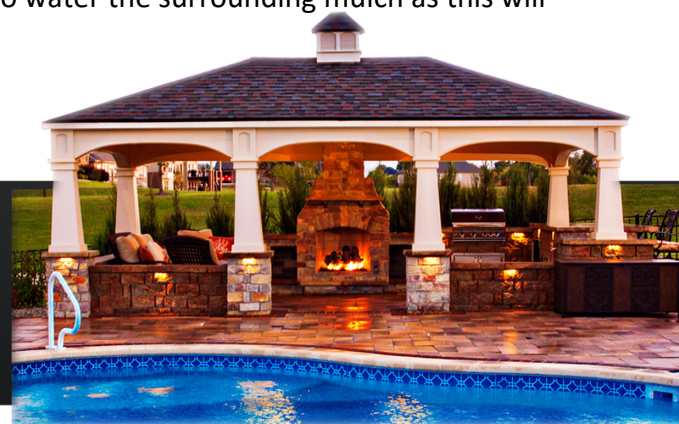
Some nozzles spray water at a fast rate that can damage plants, especially those that are newly planted. Instead, remove the nozzle and use your thumb to control the direction of the water. Be sure to adjust the water pressure (from the spigot) so that it's not on full blast. Alternatively, you might want to consider using a soaker hose.

5. APPLY WATER TO THE BASE OF YOUR PLANTS

Try to avoid getting plant leaves wet as watering the leaves can do more harm than good. Instead, move the leaves aside and apply water to the roots or base of your plants. If it is a very warm and sunny day, water on the leaves will be magnified by the sun. This will result in a leaf spot. There will be several burns on the leaf due to the sun's magnification. This does not mean your plant is going to die, but is a sign that you need to change your watering to ensure you are not getting droplets on these leaves. These leaves will heal with time.

We also recommend adding mulch to your planting beds. You can also water the surrounding mulch as this will help retain moisture.

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WATERING TIMES AND FREQUENCY

Frequency:

1. Water every day for the first week
2. Water every other day for week two & three, unless above normal temperature. If above normal temperature then water every day.
3. After the fourth week, you can reduce your watering to twice a week.
4. Water twice a week through September.
5. Water once a week thereafter for the first year if rainfall isn't sufficient.

Watering Time Frames if Using a Regular Hose*:

- Groundcovers: 1 second of water per plant
- Perennials (small): 3-5 seconds of water at the base of the plant
- Shrubs (medium): 10-15 seconds of water at the base of the plant
- Trees (6-10'): 20-30 seconds of water at the base of the plant

*NOTE: Though we don't recommend using a nozzle on your hose, if you choose to use a nozzle, use the "shower" setting and double the watering time frames.

If you have spray sprinklers/irrigation (NOT recommended to solely rely on for new plants):

- Water 10-20 minutes per zone (you must also check for proper saturation).

If using a hose trickle drip:

- Water 20-30 minutes per plant, depending on size.

TIP - A good method to determine if your plants are receiving enough water is to slip your fingers in along the plant root ball and feel if it is damp and cool to a depth of 3" to 6". If the soil is dry, or if it is saturated, you should fine-tune your watering periods. Actual watering times and frequencies should be adjusted depending on seasonal temperatures or rainfall amounts.

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