

# WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

All watering should be accomplished using an open-end hose (no trigger sprays, nozzles, etc.). Water shall be applied at low water pressure directly to each planting pit, allowing water to be absorbed into the planting pit soil until completely and uniformly saturated, but without runoff and mulch displacement. The entire “planting pit” (hole with amended soil the plant was placed in) must be uniformly watered.

## 1. TREES, SHRUBS, GRASSES & PERENNIALS

A. Newly installed plants need extra care for the first 180 days until established. Plants will need extra attention and frequent watering during drought conditions. Before watering, always check to see that the soil is not saturated. The owner will be responsible for watering all plant pits and beds with the following minimum quantities for each watering, unless other arrangements have been made.

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| • Deciduous Trees, 2-3.5” caliper | 20 gallons per plant  |
| • Evergreen Trees, 6-10’ height   | 15 gallons per plant  |
| • Shrubs, 18-24” height or spread | 2.5 gallons per plant |
| • Groundcover, 2.25” peat pot     | 50 gallons per 100 SF |
| • Vines, 1 gallon size            | 2 gallons per plant   |
| • Grasses, 1 gallon size          | 2 gallons per plant   |
| • Perennials, 1 gallon size       | 2 gallons per plant   |

If your plants are smaller or larger than the size ranges listed above, adjust the water quantity accordingly.

B. Weather.

Cool & Dry: Water every 2-4 days, being sure the soil is not saturated before watering.

Cool, Wet Seasons: Water every 7 to 10 days. Plants sitting in water will die very quickly. Do Not Overwater – see “C” below.

Hot and Dry: Moisture should be checked daily. Daily watering is often necessary to avoid plant stress and loss.

Frequent Rain: When it rains frequently, less care is necessary, but check for moisture in the soil every few days.

C. General Considerations:

Do Not Overwater. Always check soil moisture before watering. If there is a question as to whether the plant is too wet, gently dig to a depth of 3” into the planting pit surrounding the root ball. It should be “moist”, not wet (wet being defined as visually seeing water). If the soil is wet, avoid watering at this time and water the plant when you water the following week.

2. Plants

After the first year, plants should be watered every two to three weeks during June, July, August and September, provided there is an average amount of precipitation (rain). During drought conditions, watering should be performed every other week or as needed.

3. Groundcovers

In order for these plants to spread and become established, they must be watered every other day for the first month and then watered every week thereafter for the next two months. After the first year, groundcover should be watered every two weeks during June, July, August and September. Always check soil moisture before watering.

4. Sod

- A. First Three Months: Soil on sod pads shall be kept moist at all times. In the absence of adequate rainfall, watering shall be performed daily or as often as necessary and in sufficient quantities to maintain moist soil to a depth of at least 2-4". Watering shall be done in the morning or during the heat of the day to help prevent stress. Sod will not recover if allowed to dry out before it has fully rooted.
- B. Subsequent Watering: Water the sod as required to maintain adequate moisture in the upper 2-4" of soil to promote deep root growth. Once sod is well-rooted, less frequent, long, watering should be made to encourage deep root growth and discourage shallow-rooting weeds. (Total of 1.5" per week)

During the one (1) year guarantee period, plants must receive adequate water and proper spraying for disease and insect control in order for Mead Tree & Turf Care, Inc. to provide the guarantee. Our warranty only covers proper installation and healthy plants at the time of planting. Mead Tree & Turf Care, Inc. does provide watering and maintenance services, and would be pleased to provide a quotation for these services.