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Watering Plants (Trees & Shrubs)

Plant Watering:

Now that you have newly planted foliage in your yard, you may wonder how to take care of them. Well here are a few tips to abide by to help ensure healthy growth.

- Water your trees and shrubs thoroughly after planting.

- Continue to water plants regularly for the first two years that they are planted. Proper watering is especially crucial during this time as the plants are working to establish themselves in the landscape and to overcome any transplant shock.

- Deep, less frequent watering is better than frequent, shallow watering. This promotes deep root growth and can reduce water loss by evaporation.

- Sandy soils drain water much faster than clay soils. In an area with a heavy clay soil, the water percolates slowly into the ground, so water at a slower rate to help reduce run off.

- Water the rootball or the area directly below the plant rather than the leaves. The leaves can take in water, but the main uptake of water and nutrients is through the roots.

- The best time to water is during the morning hours. Afternoon watering tends to increase the chances of water loss through evaporation. Watering at night increases the likelihood of fungal infections.

- Mulch around your plantings. This helps to reduce evaporation and to suppress weeds.

- Control your weeds - they will be competing with your plants for the same water.

- Larger shrubs and trees will require more water than smaller shrubberies.

- A good test to use to ensure adequate watering is the Swap Soil Test.
    A. If the soil is too dry, the soil will crumble apart when you grab a fistful from the top layer
    B. The soil is ideal if, the soil holds together without dense packing and is also slightly moist with few grains breaking away
    C. The soil is too wet if, it forms a ball with heavy soil and water coats your palm

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