



# Watering Guidelines

## First Year:

- Water your plants as soon as you get them in the ground.
- Water them daily unless it rains.
- After about 2 weeks, you may decrease watering to two or three times per week.
- Check the soil: if the soil is dry 1-2 inches below the surface, then you should water.
- Allow soil to dry between waterings to encourage roots to grow deep.

## Second Year:

- Water your plants as needed when soil is dry.
- Water your plants 1-2 times per week during prolonged dry spells.
- Roots need approximately two years to fully develop sustainability.

## Third Year +:

- Plants should be well established now.
- Drought tolerant plants may no longer need additional waterings.
- Shallow rooted plants may still need water weekly.
- Check soil 1-2 inches below surface before watering and 1 hour after. If soil is still dry, increase watering frequency. If soil is soggy, decrease watering frequency.

## Tips:

- Mulch new plantings with 1-3 inches of mulch. Keep mulch away from plant stems.

- Do not water the leaves. Water the base of the plants to prevent fungal disease.
- Water in the early morning or late evening to prevent evaporation.