



Care for Newly Planted Plants & Trees

Your new plants have been carefully installed, and needs proper continuing maintenance, especially in the next several weeks, to ensure the success of root growth. Please follow the water and care instructions below.

- Water in the morning, so less water is lost to evaporation.
- Allow the top inch or two of soil to dry between watering's to encourage deep roots.
- Consider using soaker hoses, as you can get water where you need it and lose less to evaporation.
- When planting a few plants in an existing planting bed, hand watering can be an effective way to get the new plants the water they need, while not overwatering the rest of the bed.
- Do not apply water faster than the soil can absorb it.

Tree maintenance

- When trees are newly planted, their watering requirements are high. Transplanted tree watering requirements might include heavy moisture during the first full growing season so that the root ball can get established. The root growth is slow in too wet or too dry soil, so you don't want to over water, but if you underwater you are also doing the tree an injustice.
- During the first year you have the tree in your yard, you should make sure you water it often enough to keep the soil moist yet not soaked. Pay close attention during the dry season so that you can ensure that the tree receives enough water.
- Water the trees later in the evening, after the heat of the day has subsided. This way, the water will not evaporate immediately and the roots get a good chance at absorbing some of that moisture.
- Young trees will need deep regular watering during their growing periods. During periods of little or no rain, water deeply once a week until they become established. Water established trees during heat waves and drought conditions.

Year One

Water plants as soon as you get them in the ground. Allow the water to soak in and drain, and water again, until the soil is thoroughly moistened.

For the first couple of weeks after planting, water just-planted plants frequently - daily or every other day - as the roots will not be able to access soil moisture from a very large area until they begin to grow. After the first couple of weeks, unless the weather is extremely hot and dry, you may be able to decrease watering frequency, perhaps to two or three times per week, for the next month or so.

Years Two – Three

You should need to water deeply only once or twice per week in dry weather. Exactly how often and how long you water will depend on your soil and other conditions.

After Year Three

Your properly watered plants should be fairly well established by now, and can thrive with less watering than you may expect. Plants selected for drought tolerance in your conditions may need no supplemental water, whereas shallow-rooted plants or plants with greater water needs may need water weekly. Many plants, when selected for the conditions in your yard and watered according to the above guidelines, may need watering only a couple times per month in dry weather. Remember that all plants will benefit from deeper and less frequent watering as a general rule.

***Check for soil moisture before & after you water.** Generally, you want the soil to be dry an inch or two below the surface before you water, so probe with a dowel to check. At least one hour after you water (or longer with clay soil): Probe into the soil again to see how deeply the water penetrated. Did it penetrate all the way to the root zone? If not, you may need to increase your watering time. But if the area looks well-saturated, you may want to cut back the next time.

	Water	# of Times
Day 1 – Your plants have been newly plant	Allow the water to soak in and drain, and water again, until the soil is thoroughly moistened.	
Weeks 1 – 2	Water frequently, until soil is thoroughly moistened	1x per day
Week 3 – 1 Year	Unless the weather is extremely hot and dry, you may be able to decrease watering frequency.	2 or 3x per week
Years 2 – 3	Unless the weather is extremely hot and dry, you may be able to decrease watering frequency.	1 or 2x per week (depending on how hot and dry the weather is)
After 3 years	Your properly watered plants should be fairly well established by now, and can thrive with less watering than you may expect.	Couples of times throughout a month (depending on how hot and dry the weather is)

*After install, the care and maintenance of your newly planted plants and trees it is NOT the responsibility of Oasis Landscapes. If your plants and/or trees die, Oasis Landscapes offers a one-year warranty, since the initial planting date, and will replace your dead plant or tree. It is not guaranteed that the replacement plant or tree will be as mature as the dead plant/tree. By following this guide, it will ensure that your plants will be well established and looking its best.