



## Watering

For newly installed plants (see chart below), water 2-3 times during the first and second weeks after planting and 1-2 times during the third and fourth weeks. Lessen watering as plants become established.

Remember an overwatered plant appears much like an underwatered plant. **Before watering any plant, always check moisture content around the root of the plant.** Pull back mulch and check soil moisture in the root zone at a 1-2" depth, with your finger.

Check and water plants more often: if planted in free-draining sandy soils, during periods of high wind or during periods of high temperature. While you may water plants less often, if they are well established, drought tolerant, planted in heavy clay soils, planted in shade, or during cool humid weather. Water requirements can also change from season to season. **A rainfall of 1/2" would be equivalent to one watering.**

Thorough, less frequent, deep watering is more effective than frequent, light watering; it encourages deep root growth and drought tolerance.

Minimize watering in late afternoon or at night; the additional water on the foliage overnight can cause foliar problems. Also, refrain from using a sprinkler on very hot days as it can burn the foliage.

When watering trees, apply a slow, stream of water at the base for 1-2 hours or until the water has pooled.