



## Watering Instructions for New Landscape Plantings

Thank you for the opportunity for Showcase Group to improve your landscape. To ensure the success of your new landscape plantings, please follow these watering instructions.

- Water new plants thoroughly with a heavy, slow soaking, making certain that the soil around the roots is wet. Using a hose with a spray nozzle is not appropriate for watering. Take the nozzle off, turn down the pressure, and allow a slower soaking of the soil around the roots by a trickle of water. Avoid getting the foliage wet if possible.
- Larger areas that require sprinklers must have the water distributed in a consistent pattern. Realize that the sprinkler will need to run for extended period of time to put out enough water to meet the needs of the newly developing roots.
- Natural precipitation should not be considered when meeting the needs of newly installed plants during the first month or two. Temperature affects newly installed plants more than rainfall. During hot periods, plants need more water. Look for wilting or drooping leaves.
- The best thing to do is test the soil around the roots of the plants to see if they need to be watered. You want to avoid over-watering and saturating the soil. The soil should be moist, not dripping wet. After the first month, water less frequently unless the soil is drying out or if there is no natural precipitation. New plantings up to a year old generally need about an inch of water each week.
- **Perennials** need to be watered every other day until established.
- **Shrubs** should be watered two or three times per week for the first year.
- **Trees** need to be watered slowly over the first and second years. Use a slow soaker hose or drip method to allow the water to percolate through the soil instead of running off the top. Deep watering encourages roots to grow properly and helps prepare plants for future droughts.
- The most optimal watering will be done by a slow emitting drip line, which can be installed by you or Showcase. Please call our office for more information.

Our intent in providing these guidelines is to help you have a successful planting. Please call our office whenever you have a question. This will allow us to honor our guarantee on the success of your investment. We would rather our clients be overcautious and call us when a plant looks questionable, then wait until the plant is completely dead.

Enjoy your new additions to your landscape!

