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Watering and General Care Of Plant Materials

Watering Plants:

Lack of enough water during the first growing season is a major cause of plant loss. The limited root system on these plants makes them highly susceptible to dry weather damage. Supplemental watering is absolutely necessary. We ask that you follow the guidelines for watering new trees or shrubs to help ensure the survival of your new plants.

- Water the plants at their base. Wet the soil enough to soak through the root system at each watering (approximately 12-18" deep for shrubs and 18-24" for trees). The time for each plant is dependent on the type of plant, soil type, and terrain the plant is on. Watering longer with a slow trickle will provide the deep watering needed.
- Water the plants 2-3 times per week (more during hot, windy weather) unless there is at least 1" of rainfall per week.
- As fall approaches continue to water plants sparingly or as needed. Plants need to harden off before the winter months approach.

Water requirements will vary with soil types. Until plants are established, which may take a few years, continue to observe dry spells and supplement water as needed.

*****Keep in mind that irrigation is typically installed to only water the lawn and even if you have plant irrigation in place it may not be sufficient to meet the needs of new plants.**

General Care after Planting

Pruning Trees: Improving the structure is of primary importance. Work for uniform spacing of the main stems and branches: thin out weak branches, starting at least two years after planting.

Pruning Shrubs: Keep shrubs shapely and restricted by cutting young growth. Basic rule is to prune after flowering (usually spring or summer). Drastic pruning of shrubs should only be done on old wood by removing to the ground.

Fertilizing: After the first year, fertilize trees and shrubs regularly. Check with Plantperfect to find the right fertilizer for your plants.

Mulching: When using wood mulch, it is recommended to top dress the beds every few years with at least two inches of new mulch.

Rose Care: Prune roses in the late spring, cut out approximately 1/3 of the stems, taking the older stems first. Do not fertilize roses in the fall. This may result in new growth that may not harden off in time for winter, therefore causing dieback