

Watering Guide for New Planting Installations



Thank you for choosing AB Hardscape and Design for your Landscape Installation needs. Following our initial watering, please refer to our suggested watering guidelines to extend the success of you landscape. Again, these are guidelines, every site and plant is different. Should you have any questions along the way, feel free to contact us.

****REMINDER:** Deep, thorough watering less frequently will develop a healthier root system than frequent, shallow watering. **

Extreme OVER WATERING or UNDER WATERING is the fastest way to kill a plant.

How do I water?-

- Do NOT use a sprinkler.
- REMOVE spray nozzle from hose. (May need to reduce water pressure to avoid blasting mulch away from plant).
- Water at the BASE of plants, not foliage.

How OFTEN do I water?-

For NEW installations, water every other day for the first 2 weeks. Weeks 3 & 4, water 1-2 times per week. Continue watering 1x per week for remainder of growing season. Be aware plants may need more watering during hot, dry spells. Monitor plants by checking the soil moisture or looking for signs of wilting or drooping. Extreme conditions may require extra watering.

How MUCH do I water?-

- **TREES:** Fill saucer or well. During hot and dry periods, allow water to soak into soil to reach plant roots, fill saucer or well a 2nd time. May take several minutes.
- **SHRUBS:** Water at the base of the plant. (Count to 10-20). During hot and dry conditions, allow water to soak into soil and repeat. STOP if there is water runoff, particularly on slopes.
- **PERENNIALS:** Water at the base of the plant. (Count to 5-10). During hot and dry conditions, may need to repeat.

Special Notes-

Watering requirements will vary depending on the season. Spring and Summer plantings will require more than Fall plantings. Rainfall should also be considered. A good, soaking rain *may* be sufficient for watering. Ideal time to water is in the morning to reduce plant shock or disease. Until a new plant is established, the root ball may dry out faster than the surrounding soil. To determine if plant needs water, check the soil under the plant. If dry, plant needs water. Soil should be moist or damp, not soggy or have standing water. If signs of wilting or drooping occur, generally this means the plant needs water. However, during extreme heat, some newly installed plants (Hydrangeas for example) can show signs of wilting even if they have sufficient water. If this happens, simply check the soil moisture. If the plant is receiving enough moisture, it will 'perk up' when temperatures cool at night. For information on Fall watering, please refer to [Tips for Fall/Winter Care for Trees & Shrubs](#). **Any site or season specific instructions will be discussed with you upon installation. If you have any questions, please ask. We are here to help!**

We want to ensure the success of your landscape installation. As a reminder, making the effort to continue watering your new plants will allow us to honor our 1-year Planting Installation Warranty. Should you need a plant replaced, remember, it will also need the same watering attention.

Please use the above information as general guidelines. As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

