



# Landscape Garden and Plant Care

*"A garden requires  
labor and attention.  
Plants do not grow  
to satisfy the ambitions  
or to fulfill good  
intentions.. They thrive  
because someone  
expended effort  
on them"*

-Liberty Hyde Bailey

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# New Plant Care

Please be aware of the conditions that may affect the transplant adjustment of your plants and the overall condition of your new landscape.

## ***Establishment period***

- Upon planting, plants will expend most of their energy in developing their root system and adjusting to the new planting site. This is often done at the expense of top growth and overall aesthetics. Within the first season, you may notice some or all of the following: wilting, yellowing/discoloring leaves, die-back of a few branches. Be patient and give your new plants time to adjust.

## ***Leaning/Shifting of plants***

- Plants including small perennials up to large tree may shift or begin to lean a bit as both the plants and the newly prepared planting bed settle in together. Carefully readjust the plant to an exact position and always readjust by manipulating the root ball. Do not pull or push the stem or branches.

## ***Weeds***

- In any new planting site, weeds will be present. Your only defense is regular maintenance.

## ***Disease and Insects***

- Be aware that plants are living, breathing organisms and therefore, certain weather and site conditions may affect their susceptibility to disease and insect infestation.

## ***Weather***

- Conditions that effect growth and development:
  - warm, humid periods
  - hot, dry spells
  - rainy and overly wet conditions
  - wind, cold or freezing temperatures
  - wintry conditions where there is no insulating snow cover

These conditions may affect a plant's flowering habits, overall appearance, fall foliage color, health and vigor.

# Watering

***Always check the soil before watering!***

Monitoring plants for watering needs is more efficient and healthier for the plants than following a pre-set watering schedule.

To know if a plant needs water, check the soil moisture underneath the mulch layer and the soil around the root ball:

- visually check the soil's appearance and physically feel the soil
- if it is dark, easily clumps together and feels wet or cold to the touch, the soil is moist
- if it is lighter colored, sandy, dry and does not clump, the soil is dry

Depending on temperature, humidity, rainfall, soil conditions and plant size, most plants will require a deep watering every 1-3 weeks. Keep in mind how well your soil drains and whether mulch is used will also influence the frequency of watering.

To water: plants should receive a thorough watering at the base with a slow, steady trickle from a garden hose or watering wand.

Frequent light sprinklings often do not wet the soil to the proper depth and can have a negative effect on plants. Over-watering is as damaging as under-watering.

## PLANT WARRANTY

All nursery stock brought to the site is to be of first quality, healthy plant material. The nursery stock, if installed by Husney Landscaping Inc. will have a 1 year warranty after the date of installation. The warranty will be valid provided the client initiates and maintains a proper after care program for in-season care and winter protection.

***Warranty excludes the following:***

- Plants installed in raised planters
- Annuals and bulbs
- Transplanted plants
- Plants subjected to mechanical, fire or vandalism
- Plants subjected to extreme weather conditions
- Plants damaged by either inadequate or excessive watering; and plants not cared for as directed in our Landscaping Garden & Plant Care Guide
- Improper drainage from site and/or adjoining sites
- Plants affected by buried debris, deer, rabbits, etc.

The terms of our warranty provide for the original nursery stock to be serviced and/or replaced within one year from the date of installation. Subsequent replacements will be covered within the original date of coverage.

Husney Landscaping Inc. cannot, in any way, be responsible for weed and grass growth within a planting bed, and offers no guarantee against such growth.