



Watering advice

Your plants are planted! Now you just need to be sure they have enough water. Proper watering is the most important aspect of the planting! Follow these steps to help keep plants happy & healthy.

Week 1 after planting

Check the plants (daily or at least every other day). Determine if plant(s) require water by checking soil below mulch layer. Use your fingers to check the soil moisture. As needed water slowly, deeply when soil begins to dry (or is close to dry) about 1” deep under the mulch.

Note, checking doesn't mean to water each time— only as soil moisture and plants require.

Week 2

Check plants 2-3 times in the week and water slowly-deeply when soil begins to dry about 1” deep under the mulch.

Week 3

Check plants 1-2 times in the week and water slowly-deeply when soil begins to dry about 1” deep under the mulch.

Ongoing through the season until late November

During the rest of the season check plants at least once per week. Water when required when soil begins to dry about 1” deep under the mulch.

Final deep watering in November

All plants require a final deep watering in November to help with adequate moisture going into the Winter. Check and water plants throughout November - when soil begins to dry about 1” deep under the mulch.

Year 2 and beyond...

In ensuing years, resume soil moisture checks and water accordingly.



Things to keep in mind about watering

Plants like to be watered deep and infrequent and only when soil moisture dictates the need.

Too little or too much water can look the same - if plants show stress. Be sure to check to determine if plants need water before beginning your watering.

Water the roots and not the leaves – meaning water plants thoroughly at the base and not overhead as this will help keep leaves healthy.

If temperatures are warm and/or wind is prevalent, plants may need to be checked more often within the week.

Morning is best time to water when it is cool so more water will soak in.

Maintain (1-2”) of mulch around plants (but not up against base of plant) to help conserve moisture.

If watering is too shallow and not penetrating much below the mulch or top of soil level then you’re not watering deep enough to get water down into the root zone of plants.

Notes regarding rainfall

Just because it rains doesn’t mean that rainfall has been adequate to water plants thoroughly and deeply down to the root base of plants. Rain only is a “partner” and not to be considered the main source of water.

Best tools for watering

- ✓ A small hand trowel to dig into the soil
- ✓ Your hands – fingers to check soil moisture
- ✓ Water wand – to water evenly and adequately at base of plants

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