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# Watering Your New Landscape

## SUMMARY:

Every day for 1st week

3 Days a week for next 2 weeks

2 Days during the 4th week

1 Day a week or as needed after  
1st Month

Water early in the morning or  
very early evening. Do Not water  
at night

Provide approximately 1" of  
water per plant during watering



***Watering your new landscape*** is critical in protecting your investment and not voiding your warranties. The first few weeks will be a lot of work, but are the most important too.

New installations should be watered every day for the 1st week, 3 days a week for the next 2 weeks, 2 days a week for the 4th week, and 1 day a week or as needed after the 1st month. Don't use softened water.

Signs of underwatering include wilting leaves which are dry and browned out. Signs of overwatering include wilting leaves that are soggy feeling. Usually they start yellowing and then turn brown/black.

The best method to check on how well the plants have been watered is to take a soil sample that is 2-6" deep (with a trowel or apple corer). Squeeze it in your hand. If it is hard and crumbly it is too dry. Muddy or sopping means it's too wet. The sample should be firm and moist enough to hold a ball shape when squeezed.

