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NEW LANDSCAPE CARE

Proper Watering is crucial for new landscape plant materials

- **Shrubs (Deciduous Plants)** should be watered with a slow steady stream of water for approximately 3 – 5 minutes once every 10 – 14 days. Increase or decrease depending upon rain intervals.
- Slow watering allows more water to enter the soil. The idea is to keep the soil moist, **not saturated**.
- **Yews and Junipers** do not like wet soil, lightly water them unless it is really dry.
- Maintain mulch at 2" deep and fertilize each spring.
- Be sure that new trees are watered routinely for the **first two years** after planting. Water often enough to keep the soil around the roots moist but not wet.

Commonly Asked Landscape Care Questions

- **Does the amount of sun my plants get affect the watering schedule?** Yes, a plant in full or partial shade needs less water than a plant in full sun might need.
- **When should I prune my shrubs?** After a few seasons of growth, most shrubs can be pruned during their dormant period, usually January to early March. For flowering shrubs, it is best to do some research regarding the type of shrub you have.
- **How do I care for my perennials?** Perennials require more than many plants. The type of care/maintenance and schedule will depend on the variety. It is best to consult a professional or do some research regarding the type of perennials you have.
- **When should I fertilize my shrubs and trees?** Typically the best times are late fall and mid spring for healthy plants.
- **When do I stop watering my landscape plants?** The first few months after planting, maintain the 10 – 14 day schedule, then you can lengthen the amount of time between watering, until the end of the season. Your soil type and the weather can affect your watering schedule. If the following winter snow level is minimal, you may have to water in the early spring.