

SOFTSCAPING - NEW PLANTING

WHEN TO WATER

Newly planted trees or shrubs require more frequent watering than established trees and shrubs.

They should be watered at planting time and at these intervals:

1-2 weeks after planting: water daily

3-12 weeks after planting: water every 2 to 3 days

After 12 weeks: water weekly until roots are established

HOW MUCH TO WATER

When watering newly planted **trees**, apply 1-1.5 gallons per inch of stem caliper at each watering

When watering newly planted **shrubs**, apply a volume of water that is 1/4 - 1/3 of the volume of the container that the shrub was purchased in

As roots grow and spread, irrigation volume will need to be increased

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Apply water directly over the root ball. Be sure to keep the backfill soil in the planting hole moist. This encourages the roots to expand beyond the root ball into the backfill soil.

Create a water reservoir by making a circular mound of earth 3 to 4 inches high around the plant at the edge of the root ball. Use a slow trickle of water to fill the reservoir to allow water to slowly infiltrate into and around the root ball.

