



POST-PLANTING CARE SHEET

WATERING

TREES AND SHRUBS

The most critical part of plant establishment is proper watering techniques. Water needs to reach the root zone of any transplanted plant, particularly trees. "Deep-root drenching" is recommended several times a week for spring or fall plantings and almost daily for summer plantings. Deep root drenching is best achieved by running an open end garden hose at the base of each tree or shrub. Conventional lawn sprinklers will not water to a sufficient depth.

Remember that plants also need oxygen to survive. Do not over water them. Plant roots should not be continuously submerged in water. The exact amount of water required will depend on soil type and its ability to drain, particularly in clay soils. It is always a good idea to amend your soil to help with drainage.

ANNUALS

Water annuals every day in the absence of significant rainfall. Do not over water. Fertilize weekly with a growth fertilizer.

FERTILIZING

A starter root stimulator should be applied to all plantings. If plants are installed by Thompson Landscape Company, we will do this at the time of planting. See our garden center staff for the right kind of fertilizer that best suits your plants' needs. There are many options available.

MULCHING / GROUNDCOVER

Mulching and stone/weed barrier groundcovers are vital parts of the landscape and greatly aid in the prevention of weed infestation. Keep in mind weeds may germinate in these areas; this is nature and cannot be prevented. However, monthly maintenance of weed killer / gardening during the growing season ensures the continued success of the landscape. By following this technique, weeds are kept at a minimum and can be easily controlled.

Please call Thompson Landscape Company with any questions, and follow fertilizer product directions carefully to apply the correct amount.