



Newly
Planted

SHRUB

PERENNIAL, ROSE & GRASS

WATERING GUIDE

IMPORTANT TIPS

- 1 If temperatures are above 70 degrees, water plants in GROUP 1 and 2 every day - and GROUP 3 every other day in the pot until planting.
- 2 Water immediately after planting, and then begin the correct watering frequency.
- 3 Use a garden wand with the shower setting and water all plants at the base, not on the leaves or stems. Don't water for the outlined duration all at once. Water for half the duration & let that water absorb before adding the rest.
- 4 Never water your shrubs with lawn sprinklers, as they do not water them properly.

During periods of heavy rain (2" or more), make sure to let plants dry out before resuming hand watering. Remember that in summer, soil moisture can dry up quicker than in the spring, even after a heavy rain - so check on your plants every other day.

PLANTING MONTHS

Spring

APRIL and MAY

Summer

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Fall

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER,
NOVEMBER

- Follow the weekly watering schedule for the current year based on the monthly descriptions
- Resume watering (once per week for GROUPS 1 and 2 - and once every two weeks for GROUP 3) the following summer. Continue for at least 2 consecutive summers to prevent summer drought stress
- Remember to install plants with starter fertilizer, compost & topsoil & top dress with 1-2" of mulch. Mulch individual plants after planting, even if not ready to mulch entire area. Don't leave the plant base with bare soil

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DISCLAIMER: This guide will ensure the success of your plantings, but it is not a guarantee, as factors out of anyone's control can create problems following installation.



Don't see your plant on the list?
PLEASE ASK FOR HELP

WATERING DURATION & FREQUENCIES

5-10 seconds

1 Gallon Potted

20 seconds

2 and 3 Gallon Potted
OR
15-21" Burlap Shrubs

30 seconds

5 and 6 Gallon Potted
OR
24-30" Burlap Shrubs

30-45 seconds

7, 10 & 15 Gallon Potted
OR
36-48" Burlap Shrubs

GROUP 1

Chokeberry • Dogwood • Ninebark • Spirea • Sweetspire • Willow
Hydrangea (Coneflower-type: Limelight, Quickfire, Little Lime, Little Quickfire, Vanilla Strawberry, etc.)
Viburnum (Arrowwood-Autumn Jazz, Chicago Lustre, Blue Muffin, etc.)

Spring-Planted

Every day for the 1st week. Then every other day for the 2nd & 3rd week. Then every third day for the 4th & 5th week. Then every fourth day for the 6th & 7th week. Then once every 7 days in October (spring-planted), & once every 10 days through November (summer-planted).

Summer-Planted

Fall-Planted

Every other day for 1st week. Then every third day for 2 weeks. Then once every 7 days through October.

GROUP 2

Arborvitae • Barberry • Boxwoods • Burning Bush • Cotoneaster • Cypress • Deutzia • Elderberry
Euonymus • Forsythia • Harry Lauder's Walking Stick • Juniper • Privet • Spruces • Weigela • Yews
Perennial & Grasses • Hydrangea (Big Leaf type: Annabelle, Endless Summer Series, etc.)

Spring-Planted

Every other day for the 1st week.
Then every third day through
September. Then once every 7 days
through October.

Summer-Planted

Every other day for 1st week. Then
every third day for the 2nd, 3rd & 4th
week. Then every fifth day through
September. And then once every 7
days through October.

Fall-Planted

Every other day for 1st week.
Then every third day for 2 weeks. Then
every fifth day for 2 more weeks. Then
once every 7 days through October.

GROUP 3

Azalea/Rhododendron • Holly • Lilac • Potentilla • Roses • Rose of Sharon • Sandcherry • Smokebush • Sumac
Viburnum (Fragrant-Judd, Korean Spice, Sugar n Spice, Mohawk, Mohican, etc.)
Overwatering is the cause of 90-95% of shrub deaths in this group.

Spring-Planted

Every third day for the first 2 weeks.
Then every 4th day through
September. Then once every 7 days
through October.

Summer-Planted

Every other day for the 1st week. Then
every third day for the next 3 weeks.
Then every fourth day for the next 3
weeks. Then every 5th day through
September. Then once every 7 days
through October.

Fall-Planted

Every third day for the first 2 weeks.
Then every 5th day for the next 2
weeks. Then once every 7 days
through October.