

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR TREES, SHRUBS & SOD

Proper watering, adequate fertilizer, and quality soil will ensure your plants are successful in the landscape. Please follow this list of care instructions to keep your plants healthy year after year.

#1- Always water plants **directly at the base** or inside the container, never on the leaves. If the base of the plant is wet, skip watering that day. Always water plants/sod in the **morning** to prevent fungal growth.

#2- When planting use a **1/3rd mixture** of existing soil, topsoil & mushroom compost. Topdress with hardwood 1-2” of mulch below the trunk flare. Install a **watering bag** around all newly planted trees.

#3- Water new plants with a **water soluble fertilizer** every 2-3 weeks for the first 2 months after planting; fertilize turf every 1-2 months in Spring & Fall. Allow the plant rootball to dry before the next watering; skip watering if needed after rain events of at least 1”.

#4- Existing sod requires **at least 1-2”** of irrigation per week; new sod requires dramatically more water than established. **Allowing new sod to go dormant by underwatering in the summer can cause widespread damage.*

#5- Check all plant material every other day in the Summer for water.

PLANT TYPE	DURATION	QUANTITY	SEASON
TREE	1-2 minutes	Every other day for 1 week after planting; Every 2-3 days for 2 more weeks; 1-2 times per week for rest of Spring (1-2 times per week if established)	Spring
SHRUB	20-30 seconds	Every other day for 1 week after planting; Every 2-3 days for 2 more weeks; 1-2 times per week for rest of Spring (1-2 times per week if established)	
SOD	15-20 minutes	New Sod: 2-3 times per day (per zone) for 2 weeks; every 2 days for 2-3 more weeks; 1-2 times per week throughout Spring; Existing Sod: requires atleast 1” of water per week	
TREE	1-2 minutes	Every 2-3 days throughout the Summer	Summer
SHRUB	20-30 seconds	Every 2-3 days throughout the Summer	
SOD	15-30 minutes <small>*depending on sprinkler head type</small>	New Sod: once a day if possible; Existing Sod: 2-3 times per week	
TREE	1-2 minutes	Every other day for 1 week after planting; Every 2-3 days for 2 more weeks; 1-2 times per week for rest of Fall (1-2 times per week if established)	Fall
SHRUB	20-30 seconds	Every other day for 1 week after planting; Every 2-3 days for 2 more weeks; 1-2 times per week for rest of Spring (1-2 times per week if established)	
SOD	15-30 minutes <small>*depending on sprinkler head type</small>	1-2 times per week if needed	