

TREES, SHRUBS & PERENNIALS

CARE GUIDE



WATERING

Perennials: Please make sure they get watered daily (unless we get $\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain) for the first week. Then water 2-3 times each week depending on weather conditions. Place a shallow pan on the ground near your plants and run a sprinkler until there is about $\frac{1}{2}$ " of water in the pan. That amount of time is how long you will need to water.

Trees and Shrubs: Our crews will leave a channel around the base of your new trees. The amount of water needed is approx. 2-3 gallons per inch of the trunk diameter. A slower trickle ensures that the water will go deeper. Please water daily for the first 1-2 weeks (unless we get rain), every 2-3 days for 3-12 weeks, then once a week. After one year, watering will usually not be required except during drought.



FERTILIZING

For the first year, fertilizing is usually not recommended. In the following seasons, fertilizer may be added to increase growth rates. Tree or shrub 'spikes' are an easy way to add nutrients, or holes may be drilled around the plants with a well-balanced fertilizer added to the holes. In perennial beds, fertilizer may simply be sprinkled around the plants. PLEASE follow the manufacturer's recommendations! Too much fertilizer can cause 'leggy' growth or damage your plants.



PRUNING

Pruning may occasionally be required to maintain the plant's overall shape and good health. Remove any dead or damaged wood, and snip back branch tips when needed to encourage side branching. Cut branches back flush with a larger stem or trunk. Early spring-blooming shrubs are normally pruned in early summer, while summer and fall-blooming types are best pruned in early spring. Needled evergreen shrubs are generally better left unpruned.