



LANDSCAPE WATERING GUIDELINES

Thank you for choosing Vive Exterior Design to install your new landscape! We designed and built this landscape to grow more beautiful each season. The first year is the establishment period, and proper care will ensure your plants thrive for years to come.

First Year Watering Schedule:

New plants need consistent moisture while establishing their root systems. Deep watering is key, *not daily watering*. Please use the chart below to help your trees, shrubs, and perennials adapt successfully to their new environment:

Type	Size at Installation	Watering Duration	Frequency	Amount of Water Needed per Week
Perennials	1 Gal.	20-30 sec.	3x week first 2 mo., then 1x week	2 Gallons
Small Shrubs or Grasses	2, 3 or 5 Gal.	1-2 minutes	3x week first 2 mo., then 1x week	3-5 Gallons
Large Shrubs or Small Trees	10 Gal.+ , or 6-8'	15-20 minutes	2x week first 3 wks., then 1x week	10-15 Gallons
Medium Trees	1.5"-2.5" or 8-10'	30-35 minutes	2x week first 3 wks., then 1x week	15 Gallons
Large Trees	3"+ or 12'+	45-50 minutes	2x week first 3 wks., then 1x week	15-20 Gallons

** Watering schedule is based on laying an **open-ended hose at the base of each plant on a slow trickle**. **DO NOT let the water wash mulch and soil away from the plant.***

- For landscape irrigation systems please find more information below

** After the first year provide supplemental watering during dry periods only; for example, if we go about 1 week without significant rain it's important to water plants and refer to 'Watering Duration' noted above*

** It's important to watch for signs of distress so monitor your plants and check soil moisture often. We recommend using a moisture meter or dig around the root zone with your fingers to a depth of 3" (small plants) to 8" (trees) to determine if your plant needs water (dry, crumbling soil = needs water)*

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WATERING TIPS/NOTES:

- The best time of day to water are **morning** or **evening** when temperatures are cooler
 - Watering at these times reduces leaf scorch, evaporation and stress
- Turn the hose on a **slow trickle at the base of the plant** for about 45-60 seconds to equal approximately 1 gallon of water
- **Water slowly and deeply**
 - Important for clay soils. This method allows for deeper saturation, important for widespread root development and a healthier plant that can withstand future drought conditions
- Allow soil to slightly dry between waterings
- If it rained for 1 hour, it's possible there still wasn't enough water provided so determine the plants watering needs before eliminating a day

Watering Transplants:

Any plants moved on the property will need extra attention for the first season. Frequent watering will be needed the first few months after transplanting. Refer to watering chart above and continue to monitor plants. Do not be surprised if plants lose leaves immediately after transplanting, most can leaf out again in the same season if necessary.

Landscape Irrigation Watering Guidelines:

If your new plants have been installed with a landscape irrigation system, it's designed to give you the ability to water and set a schedule with ease. ***It's important to monitor this system as your plants grow and adjust accordingly for weather.***

Here's a few important notes:

- **First Year:**
 - Clock, start and run times should have been programmed at installation
 - Plant zones should have a run time between 20-45 minutes depending on the irrigation design and plant type – if water runs off split into 2 shorter cycles
 - Water 2x week in spring/fall months
 - Water 2-3x week in summer months
- **After First Full Year:**
 - Program to water 1x week
 - During times of drought increase watering schedule
 - Plants will look wilted or droopy when in need of water

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - NO PLANT WARRANTY:

Plants are living things, and their success after installation depends greatly on the care they receive and the conditions they grow in.

- Because watering habits, weather patterns, soil moisture, drainage, and other environmental factors vary from property to property, we're unable to offer a warranty on plant material
- What we do focus on is *giving every plant the best possible start*
- We source high-quality plant material from trusted nurseries and hand-select healthy specimens suited to your landscape and site conditions. Our team installs everything using professional horticultural practices to ensure plants are properly placed, planted, and set up to establish successfully.

Our goal is to set your landscape up for long-term success by starting with healthy plants, installing them correctly, and giving you the guidance needed to help them flourish. We're always happy to assist with seasonal care, replacements, and enhancement recommendations as your landscape matures.