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## Watering Guidelines

### Trees - Shrubs – Groundcover

1. **IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANTING:** All trees, shrubs and groundcover should be watered thoroughly. This means that the root ball and all backfill soil surrounding the root ball should be thoroughly soaked. (Usually handled by the Installer)
2. **AFTER THE INITIAL WATERING:** Plantings should be watered thoroughly every (2-3) days for the first month - every (7) days for a minimum of the next three months. The watering may be supplemented by extended periods of rain. Do not rely on thunderstorms!!
3. When planting broadleaf evergreens and shade trees in 85 degree + weather, the first two waterings should be completed at 2 day intervals.
4. During the winter months (especially during windy periods), the plant should be watered whenever the ground is not frozen. If there has been considerable precipitation in the form of snow, sleet, or rain, this might not be required.
5. Watering major and minor trees can be completed by filling the mulch "saucer" one time, letting it soak in and watering it again.
6. Rain may supplement watering if it has rained for two days steadily.
7. Broadleaf evergreens (Azaleas, Pieris Japonica, Rhododendron, Nandina, Holly) generally need more water than needle evergreens (Yew, Juniper).
8. Certain locations may require more or less water depending on the soil conditions. Sand soil requires MORE; clay soil requires LESS.
9. When you are out watering, especially in the summer when the plant material looks dry and has not been watered recently, water all plant material.
10. Watering may be in the form of rain.
11. The amount of water from rain can be measured by putting a cup outside and letting it fill to a depth of 1".
12. During lengthy dry periods, the grass will turn brown and go dormant, but it will come back with cooler temperatures and rain, so watering turf is a waste of water which will be more beneficial when applied to the shrubs.
13. It is important during lengthy dry periods to soak the plants by running the hose at a trickle for 20 – 30 minutes so the water is concentrated at the root area and soaks in without running off. Pouring 5 gallons of water slowly around the shrub will also help. Twice a week applications should keep the plants in survival mode until some substantial rains arrive.

Plant Type	Size	Water Required Per Week
Major Trees	2-4" diameter.	15-20 Gallons per tree
Minor Trees	1-2" diameter	10 Gallons
Evergreen Trees	15 Gallons	
Shrubs-Large	Over 18"	2.5 Gallons

**!! CAUTION !!**

**Please be careful not to water too close to the foundation of your unit and run the risk of having water penetrate the walls. Also do not leave a hose unattended or on all night and run the risk of flooding yours or your neighbor's unit!**