



WATERING GUIDE

Newly Planted Shrubs & Trees

The success or failure of newly planted shrubs or trees depends almost entirely on proper watering for up to a year after initial planting. It is especially important during the first few months, while your plant is beginning to establish itself. Our local weather and your soil conditions also play a big part in your plant's success.

We recommend, at the time of planting, that the soil around your plant(s) is amended with an organic compost and a slow release fertilizer to give your plant(s) a healthy start. For more information about how to plant trees and shrubs, see our **Planting Guide**.

Due to changing temperatures in the Lowcountry, your plant will do best if watered more when hot and less when cool. This guide is based on the average temp that occurs in the Charleston area during specific months of the year.

Use a container (like a 1 gallon milk jug, 2 gallon watering can, or 5 gallon bucket) to measure the number of gallons to be applied. When using automatic irrigation systems, it is best to place emitters at the base of the plant. The emitters should be regulated to deliver the desired number of gallons and the frequency adjusted throughout the year.

Please contact Steve or Susan in our Nursery department for specific recommendations depending on your soil conditions: sandy, loamy, or clay.

Frequency, based upon the time of year:

Winter months: *December, January, February, March: When daytime temperatures are between 55-70 degrees and nighttime temperature 40-55 degrees.*

Well draining soil: 1x/week

Poor draining soil: 1x/week

Spring & Fall months: *April, May, October, November: When daytime temperatures are between 70-85 degrees and nighttime temperature 50-70 degrees.*

Well draining soil: 2x/week

Poor draining soil: 1x—2x/week

Summer months: *June, July, August, September: When daytime temperatures are between 85+ degrees and nighttime temperature 70+ degrees.*

Well draining soil: 3x—4x/week

Poor draining soil: 1x—3x/week

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Amount of Water to Apply:

Pot Size	Well-draining soil	Poor-draining soil
1 gallon plants	1 gallon of water	1/2 gallon of water
3-7 gallon plants	2 gallons of water	1 gallon of water
10-15 gallon plants	10 gallons of water	10 gallons of water
30 gallon plants	10 gallons of water	10 gallons of water

Special Reminders:

- . A heavy rain of ¼” - ½” will substitute one watering
- . Fertilize in April & September (“tax time” & “labor day”) with Osmocote Outdoor/Indoor Fertilizer.



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