

# Your GUIDE to WATERING

Watering is an important step in plant care. Be aware that rain can help you with watering as well and these are base line recommendations. SOIL TYPE, MULCHING, PLANT SIZE, PLANT VARIETY, AND SUN LEVELS VARY AND WILL CHANGE HOW FREQUENTLY YOU NEED TO WATER. YOU MAY NEED TO CHECK EVERY DAY TO EVERY FEW DAYS FOR NEW PLANTS AND POTTED PLANTS OUTSIDE.

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## \*\*\* SOIL MOISTURE LEVEL \*\*\*

Let the soil dry out a bit before watering. Check with your finger a couple inches down and if it's still moist, you can hold off for another day. Excess moisture can cause stress to your plants and possibly root rot. An inch of water a week from you or the rain is recommended, for perennials, trees, and shrubs.

## ANNUALS IN CONTAINERS

Containers tend to dry out faster. Thoroughly soak the soil at least 3 times per week (maybe more in hot weather or for more mature and full plants).

## NEW PERENNIALS AND ANNUALS in-ground

Every 3-4 days thoroughly soak the ground. Watering deeply will help perennials grow deeper roots. More frequent watering will be needed during hot weather. Continue watering from spring until the ground is frozen.

## TREES AND SHRUBS

Water at least once a week with hose for 10-15 minutes so ground is thoroughly soaked. Continue until ground is frozen. Water this way for the first couple years of new planting.

## FOCUS ON THE SOIL

Water the soil fully around your plant and avoid foliage to reduce disease.

## SCHEDULE

Water in the mornings if possible to help reduce disease and keep a watering schedule. Set a reminder on your phone, calendar or water the same days every week to help remember. During hotter weather you should check your plants more often.



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