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## How to Care For New Plantings

1. **Water** is a key factor in keeping your new plants alive and healthy. Watering amounts and frequency must be adjusted according to soil types and weather. Too much water can be just as bad as not enough. It must be constantly changed considering the environmental conditions. To give you a bench mark to start, we recommend to water once thoroughly, each five to seven days during the first growing season when there is insufficient rainfall. Remember the size of the plant you are watering; a 12 foot tree is going to require more water volume than a 1 gallon perennial.

### GENERAL RULES OF WATERING

- All newly planted material gets watered as soon as possible.
  - For the next three weeks, be very observant, look at new plants daily for signs like wilting, etc.
  - Monitor air temperatures, rainfall, and soil moisture.
  - Check soil moisture and remember temperatures/weather from last week.
2. **Fertilizer** is also a very important part of plant survival. It encourages rapid root growth which greatly reduces moisture stress and increases plant survival.

### GENERAL RULES OF FERTILIZER APPLICATION

- Always read the product label to check for proper rates and methods of application.
- Granular fertilizer (ex: Tree Tone or Holly Tone) can be applied *twice yearly*. Be careful not to throw granules over leaves as this will “burn” the foliage.
- Water soluble fertilizer (ex. Miracle Gro/Miracid) can be applied *4-5 times yearly* from mid-April to mid-August.

### ADDITIONAL TIPS

- **Compost** is a great way to improve the texture of soil while adding additional nutrients. Bagged compost is available at your local garden center.
- **Mulch** layered over your new planting beds provides protection from summer heat and winter cold. It also helps reduce moisture loss.
- **Trimming** and dead-heading your plant is key to it's survival. Removing spent flower heads, trimming out dead, diseased, and crossed branches will all contribute to a healthier, pest and disease free plant.

**\*Boyer's Nursery is always available for cultural advice. Please don't hesitate to call!\***