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## Planting Aftercare Notes

We hope you enjoy your garden – please note that the plants we have planted are living things, and just like our pets and children they need food and water to survive and thrive!

### Lawn Watering

#### **Winter:**

The lawn will need **soaking twice a week** for the first fortnight. Lawn continues to grow in temperatures over 6 degrees and will be needing moisture to encourage root establishment and support the growth of the sward. You can check its progress by lifting a corner of one of the turves which will show whether the roots are developing, and also whether the soil below is dry. If the soil below is dry, more watering is required.

#### **Autumn/Spring/Summer:**

The lawn will need **soaking every day** for the first fortnight and in times of extreme dryness caused by wind or sun or both. Lawn grows in temperatures between around 6 degrees and around 25 degrees Celsius. The heavy watering encourages the root establishment and supports the growth of the sward. You can check its progress by lifting a corner of one of the turves which will show whether the roots are developing, and also whether the soil below is dry. If the soil below is dry, more watering is required.

**IF IT IS BROWN, OR SHOWING SIGNS OF SHRINKAGE, MORE WATER IS REQUIRED.**

### Lawn Mowing

We recommend a first cut on the highest blade setting on the mower. We further recommend that lawn is cut as high as possible on a regular basis during the mowing season. This enables the grass sward to stay thick and strong, and it will cope better with drought and heavy rain.

### Plant Watering

#### **Winter:**

The planting will need watering at least twice a week over the first fortnight, but the majority of plants are dormant and the winter rain should be sufficient. If, however, the weather is dry for a period longer than a fortnight, water the plants twice a week, using the following technique:

- Direct the hose at the base of each tree/plant and keep the water on there until it puddles on the surface of the soil. This will ensure the soil is saturated and will encourage the plants/trees to put down deep roots. Deep roots will further anchor them and enable them





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A frequent light sprinkle over the foliage will result in water being lost wide of the root ball. The plant will put out roots near the surface, which will then lead to a lack of anchoring and the possibility of roots drying out quickly in periods of drought, leading to the death of the plant.

**Any trees planted will need additional heavy soaking twice a week for the first fortnight, and we recommend watering heavily at least a couple of times a month over winter to ensure they start to develop roots in readiness for the milder weather and the growing season. If there is a dry period of longer than a fortnight, water the trees heavily at least twice a week.**

### ***Autumn/Spring/Summer:***

The planting will need heavy watering every other day during the spring and summer growth season.

Direct the hose at the base of each tree/plant and keep the water on there until it puddles on the surface of the soil. This will ensure the soil is saturated and will encourage the trees to put down deep roots. Deep roots will further anchor them and enable them to cope during periods of drought. During spring and into summer when they are in full growth, they need extra watering to support the amount of moisture they will lose through their new foliage while their roots systems are still immature.

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### **IF A PLANT LOOKS DRY, WATER IT.**

*Please note, where soil has been disturbed during the works, there may be weeds seeds and microscopic fragments of root, which may well germinate/redevelop.*

*Whilst we have taken care to remove as many pernicious weeds as possible, Mother Nature does like to creep in. Young weed seedlings can easily be tugged out while they are small, before they have set seed, and this should gradually reduce the amount you find springing up.*





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### Container Plants

**Winter:**

Ensure the pot is raised from the ground to guard against ground frost, and to allow winter rain to drain through freely.

**Autumn/Spring/Summer:**

Containerised plants **MUST** be watered **daily**, with the pot being filled to the brim with the water. If water drains faster than the pot fills with water, continue watering until it is full. This ensures the soil is saturated throughout the rootball, rather than draining straight through and leading to stress for the plants.

In periods of extreme drought, stand the pots on trays/in baths close together and water heavily, allowing them to stand in water for a short period.

*We hope you enjoy your garden!*

