

How to care for newly installed plant material.

Below are the care instructions for the new plant, shrubs, and grass planted. As stated in the Association rules, **the unit owner is responsible for the watering of the new and existing plants, shrubs, and grass.** Dead or dying plants due to lack of proper watering are subject to charge back to the unit owner at the discretion of the Board.

Trees and shrubs

New shrubs and trees should be watered 3 times per week, mid-day for the first week. Following that time frame, once per week for the first year.

The best method of watering is placing a hose at the base of the plant and letting it slowly soak the entire plant ball at least 6" deep.

Keep in mind, if a tree or shrub starts to show signs of stress, watering needs may vary:

- Hot, dry days = more water
- Cool, moist days = less water

A late, deep watering of a newly installed evergreen in the fall helps prevent desiccation damage over winter!

Perennials & Annuals

Newly installed perennials and annuals should be watered twice daily for the first week. Once in the morning and again late in the afternoon. After the first week, the frequency can be reduced to three times a week.

When watering perennials and annuals, a sprinkler or hand watering works great!

Make sure to soak the top 3-4" of soil.

Similarly to trees and shrubs, keep an eye on weather conditions and alter watering patterns if the plant material shows signs of stress.

Sod and seed (blankets)

Newly installed sod or seed (blankets) should be watered twice daily for the first two weeks. Once in the morning and again in the late afternoon. After the first two weeks, the frequency can be dialed back to once a day early in the morning.

Watering of sod or seed is typically recommended to be done with a sprinkler. Generally most sprinklers will have to be in one position for 30-45 minutes to effectively saturate the soil at 1-1.5" depth.