WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

- All trees and shrubs should be watered as soon as possible after planting and should be watered until the soil is completely saturated.
- Soak all plants 3-4 times a week throughout summer. Can back off to 2-3 times a week into fall. (every other day watering is a good rule of thumb, unless otherwise noted.) See watering table.
 - Lawn irrigation is **NOT** enough water for newly planted shrubs and trees
- Water all plants in late fall before ground freezes. Especially important for evergreens.
- A good watering method is to use a garden hose with the water running at a slow trickle right next to trunk/ base of plant (pencil size stream)
- Different types of soil will retain different amounts of moisture. To check moisture content use touch of fingers six inches below soil surface.
- Always water during any dry spells.
- It is better to water infrequently with large amounts of water than to water frequently with small amounts.

PLANTS	MINUTES	GALLONS
Deciduous Shrubs 12"- 24"	2 to 4	2 to 4
Deciduous Shrubs 2' - 4'	4 to 6	4 to 6
Small Evergreens	4 to 6	4 to 6
Evergreen Trees	8 to 10	8 to 10
Small Trees 4' - 10'	10 to 15	10 to 15
Large Trees 10' - 15'	15 to 25	15 to 25

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Tree Care

- Mulching around new trees is recommend
 - Mulching around new trees helps with moisture retention and weed prevention
 - Make sure mulch, dirt or rock is right up next to the base of the plant.
- Tree Guards (if Applicable)
 - Take off during summer, if danger of bunnies and deer are not present
 - Replace back on in fall, leave on until danger of frost, deer, and bunnies dissipates
 - As tree grows, increase size of guard
- Root Stimulator is recommended for newly planted trees
 - 3¹/₂ TBSP per 1 gallon, per tree, per week, for first growing season
 - Stop root stimulator August/September
- For pruning, insect problems and disease information please visit our website at: <u>http://www.treestodaynursery.com/products/</u>

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