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## FIRST YEAR LANDSCAPE TIPS

### Watering

It will take some time to acclimate your new plants to their new environment. In general, small shrubs, perennials, and ground covers will need watering every 1-2 days during the first 2-3 weeks, and then just 2 times a week after that. Large shrubs and trees need to be thoroughly soaked 2 times a week for the first 2-3 weeks, then once a week after that.

Certain soils hold moisture better than others. Check around the plants for moisture under the mulch or stone. If the soil is damp, do not water. Over watering can be as detrimental as not watering at all.

If it is a rainy time of year, you will be watering less frequently. Please keep in mind that large evergreens such as Spruce, Fir, Pine, and Arborvitae, do not always benefit from light rainfall.

If the season becomes hot and dry, new plants may need more watering.

### Fertilization

In general, new plants need to be fertilized with a product higher in Phosphorus (the middle number). Example: 5-**10**-5. It's best to use an organic granular fertilizer, such as Organic Gardener or Hollytone, after the plants have been in the ground a couple of months. Fertilizing from August 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> is not advisable, as plants are beginning to prepare themselves for winter dormancy.

### Weed Control

Pre-emergent weed controls, such as Preen, can be applied throughout the year on your landscape plantings.

Post-emergent herbicides, such as Finale or Round-Up, can be applied directly to new weed growth and will not affect your landscape plants, as long as it does not come in contact with the foliage. These products should never be applied in windy conditions to avoid unwanted drifting.

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