

Fall Planting Watering Schedule

Balled & Burlapped trees (B&B)

- First week: upon planting, water heavily for the first two days.
- Second week: water two times during this week
- Third week thru November: water thoroughly once every week.
- Winter months: thoroughly soak every three weeks when weather permits.

Container trees and shrubs

- First week: water every day.
- Second week: water every other day.
- Third week thru November: water twice weekly.
- Winter months: thoroughly soak every three weeks when weather permits.

Staking

- It is very important that you remove the tree stake(s) within 9 months to 1 year after planting to avoid girdling of the tree trunk.

Fertilizing

- Supplemental fertilizing of the tree is not recommended until after the first full growing season of the tree.
- It is strongly recommended that you do fertilize with a "**plant starter**" solution to help promote proper root development.

Additional information

- Your watering schedule may change according to the fall rainfall and with cooler temperatures. Remember that mulching will help reduce the need for more frequent watering when it is hot and dry.
- Your watering schedule may also change depending on what type of soil that you have. A sandy, loamy soil mix will drain off quicker than a heavy clay-type soil and may require more frequent watering as opposed to the heavier clay soil that will stay wet longer. The best way to determine your watering needs is to physically check the soil to determine if it is wet or dry.
- Remember to check your soil for lack of moisture during the winter months if the ground is not frozen. If it is a dry winter with no snow cover, it is suggested that you try to water every three weeks as needed.
- Some plants have a greater need for more water in the early stages after planting. **Please watch the following plants closely: dwarf Alberta spruce; barberry; blue spruce; pines; spireas; potentilla; pyracantha; and any plant in a light peat moss type soil mix.**
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