

PLANT CARE INSTRUCTIONS:

WATERING:

- ◆ Water your new plants on a regular basis. The period during the first two months is the most critical. Soak your plants heavily the first week, then just gently water them thereafter as instructed below.
- ◆ Keep ALL perennials slightly moist by watering on a daily basis. Our perennials are planted in a light porous media and are therefore prone to water stress if not watered regularly. During the heat of summer, it may even be necessary to water twice a day.
- ◆ Shrubs and trees planted in spring and fall should be watered every other day for the first 2 weeks; then once a week thereafter. Check moisture under bark / stone to be sure that the plants are receiving adequate moisture or are not being over-watered.
- ◆ Shrubs and trees planted in the summer months should be watered every other day throughout the summer then once to twice a week after Labor Day. Again, check moisture under bark / stone to be sure that the plants are receiving adequate moisture or are not being over-watered.
- ◆ Although over-watering is generally not a problem for most plants, there are a few that should be kept a little less damp. These include Royal Red Maples, Hackberry, Junipers, Spruce and Oaks. It is generally best to water these only once to twice a week in summer and once a week in fall. It is best to physically inspect the moisture conditions under the bark / stone periodically to avoid over-saturation.

FERTILIZING:

- ◆ Fertilizer may be applied to your new plants after four weeks.
- ◆ The first application should be applied at a lower rate than the label calls for. This is because the plants are still adjusting to the new location. Water soluble fertilizers such as Miracle-Gro (or Mir-Acid for evergreens) is recommended. For water-soluble fertilizers, you may begin fertilizing after May 1st and continue to fertilize every 2 weeks until August 15th. These fertilizers, applicators and other plant-specific products are available at our Retail Center.
- ◆ For granular fertilizers, It is recommended that you fertilize at least once in spring of each year. You may apply another application in late June or July. Granular plant food is available in convenient packages at our Retail Center.
- ◆ Never apply fertilizer to your plants after the 2nd week of August. This encourages tender growth that may be susceptible to winter kill.