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## Welcome home to your new shrubs!

Here are some care taking tips to ensure it looks as beautiful as it can!

### IRRIGATION & WATERING

Water is required for all plant functions- providing adequate water is the most important thing you can do to help your new plants become established. It is our recommendation that you water at least three to five times weekly, if not daily, in the first few weeks after installation. Your plants will need one inch of rainfall or its equivalent weekly, especially during the first year after planting. During dry, hot weather it may be necessary to water more frequently. After the plant has become established (usually 4 weeks or more) a thorough watering once weekly is better than more frequent light watering.

### AN EASY WAY TO WATER

An easy way to water is to leave a hose running at a trickle near the dripline (the area where the branches end) of the plants. Water until the top 6+ inches of soil is moist. A 2-3 inch thick layer of mulch will help conserve moisture in the soil.

### WHEN TO WATER

If possible avoid wetting the leaves each time you water. If unavoidable, attempt to water in the morning so foliage has a chance to dry, this minimizes disease problems. Fungi like moist conditions and may find the wet leaves of your plants very enticing. For this reason also avoid watering late in the day when the sun will set before the leaves have dried. Lastly, if watering during the afternoon take into consideration that much water will be lost due to evaporation.



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