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## Welcome home to your new plants! Here are some care taking tips to ensure it looks as beautiful as it can And can help you achieve the most Optimal Results possible!

## **IRRIGATION & WATERING**

Water is required for all plant functions- providing adequate water is the most important thing you can do to help your new flowers become established. It is our recommendation that you water by hand daily in the first 1-2 weeks after installation. After that, what is best depends very much upon the plant. Water your flowers upon any signs of wilt or stress. Should these symptoms not disappear after watering then the plants may be receiving too much water. During dry, hot weather it will be necessary to water more frequently. After the plant has become established (usually 4 weeks or more) a thorough watering two to three times weekly is better than more frequent light waterings. Important Note: During the drier months of summer, please abide by rules of the county in regards to water restrictions.

## 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 3 inches of soil is moist. A 2-3 inch thick layer of mulch will help conserve moisture in the soil. In the first few weeks, hand watering if possible the new plantings even with an Irrigation System.

## 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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