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Watering Instructions Fall Plantings

Trees and Shrubs:

Use a watering wand or large watering can to water all your new trees and shrubs, which are planted in "saucers" created by a 4- 8-foot circular earth rim surrounding the plants. Fill the saucer to its highest level once, let the water drain down, and then fill it again. It is essential that you water deeply down into the root ball; wetting the upper parts of the plant is of no use.

Frequency:

• First week:	Every day
• Second week:	Every other day
• Third week:	Twice a week
• Fourth week:	Once a week
• <u>Every week until ground is solidly frozen</u> (often as late as mid-December)	Once a week

Perennials and Groundcovers:

Method:

Again, use watering wand or can to wet the earth to a depth of 6-8 inches, or more if the perennial is large. Water close to the ground so that leaves are not beaten down by the force of the water. Check the wetness by plunging a narrow trowel into the soil near the plant and pulling the soil aside so you can see if the soil is dark (wet).

Frequency:

Water every day for the first two weeks, lightening up only if there are heavy downpours, or the soil feels soaking wet at 8 inches. Then water twice a week until the ground freezes hard.