



Watering Instructions For New Plants & Gardens

**Please water according to the regional by-law
between May 31 through Sept 30**

NEW PLANTS & GARDENS

- ♠ Correctly watering your newly transplanted plants is crucial for their healthy growth and survival. It is always best to water in the mornings when the soil is cool and your plants will absorb the greatest amount of water.
- ♠ A soaker hose is ideal for watering your newly transplanted plants, as it allows for water to go directly into the soil and reach the root systems without evaporating into the air.
- ♠ When watering, ensure that 5-6 inches of the soil is penetrated to encourage deep root growth. This will give your plants a better chance of survival during dry periods. To check how deep the water has penetrated, leave your soaker hose running for an hour. With a trowel, dig a small hole near one of your plants to check how deep the water has gone. Depending on your soil, garden, and plants, you may need to continue watering until the 5-6 inch depth has been met. After you check this once, you'll have a general idea of how long you should water in order to reach the 5-6 inch depth.
- ♠ You should water every day for the first 2 weeks after planting; then every other day for the 3rd and 4th weeks; then every 3 days for the 5th and 6th weeks.
- ♠ After the initial watering period, watering your garden once a week should be sufficient, however make sure to keep track of rain days because over-watering is just as hazardous to your plants as under-watering.

*See back for Watering Chart

WATERING CHART:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat

Start Date:

End Date: