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Now that your new landscape has been installed....

When to Water: Proper watering during the first growing season is crucial for your new plants survival. Unfortunately, there is no exact science to watering due to the many variables involved including: soil composition, sun/wind exposure, wet/dry sites, type of plant and the time of year. Every landscape has different watering requirements and it is up to you to determine the watering needs of your plants. The most effective way to determine if you're watering correctly is to pull back the mulch, dig down at least 4" near the root ball and feel the moisture of the root ball and surrounding soil. The soil should be slightly moist, never dry and never saturated. A plant's first indicator that they are stressed is that their leaves will wilt, curl up or turn brown.

How to Water: We suggest using a hose with a shower head attachment and watering the base of the plant thoroughly with a deep, slow soaking to reach the root zone. Avoid getting the foliage wet if at all possible. Remember, slow and steady wins the race. Give the plant enough water so it soaks into the root system below. Another efficient method of watering we suggest is to place a soaker hose at the base of each plant. You will have to determine the best method for you and your plants.

Transplant Shock: Even though you have followed our instructions, your new plant material may go through what we call a transplant shock. This is an acclimation period where the plant's root system is establishing itself in its new environment. The plant may appear stressed, defoliate, wilt or look as if it is not going to survive. Do not give up and continue watering as most plants push through this period and are just fine.

Fertilizing: Your plants need nutrients to grow. They have already been fertilized at our nursery, so there is no need to fertilize them this season. Next spring, we recommend an application of Osmocote slow release fertilizer applied evenly to the root zone of the plants. Regular fertilization will be what creates strong and healthy plants that will reward you with their beauty for years to come.

Remember, all living things require water and nutrients to survive and plants are no exception. It is your responsibility to protect your investment and we are here to help . Be patient and please give us a call with any questions you may have regarding your new landscape.