



## CARING FOR YOUR NEW LAWN OR LANDSCAPE

Please note: The watering instructions are all dependent upon the weather. If we have a lot of rain, you obviously would not need to follow the schedule exactly & you get free water!

### NEW SOD OR GRASS SEED INSTALLATION:

Keeping your new sod/seed properly watered is ESSENTIAL in its ability to thrive. You must NOT let new sod or seed dry out in the beginning. Water your new lawn frequently for short periods of time. For sod...water early in the morning for 30 minutes and then water two more times later in the day for 10 minutes. For seed...water all areas 3 times a day for 10 minutes. **Make sure to keep areas moist at all times, until grass begins to germinate and puts down roots (typically 2-4 weeks).** For sod, moist means the underneath side of the sod is wet. You can check this by gently peeling back the edge of a piece of sod before roots are established. Over-watering is just as detrimental as letting it dry out, so do not drench the sod/seed where water puddles. Please remember that a new lawn is a living/breathing plant material and is subject to many different environmental and man-made influences. It is very common to have some bare areas after the initial installation (especially seeded lawns). We would be happy to assist in re-seeding these bare areas with a treatment plan.

\*\* For optimal growth results, we recommend that you start a lawn care treatment program as soon as possible. We can provide this service or you can treat your lawn yourself. The lawn needs to be cut at least three times before any chemicals are applied.

### NEW LANDSCAPE INSTRUCTIONS:

Watering: Be sure to water your plants regularly. Water each plant for at least 15 minutes (20 minutes in extreme heat) & large trees for at least 20 minutes (30 minutes in extreme heat) using the schedule below:

Week 1:	Water every other day directly to the root-ball (every day if we are in drought or extreme heat conditions)
Week 2:	Water every other day (can use a sprinkler)
Week 3:	Water every 4 days
Week 4:	Water every 4 days
Week 5:	Water every 10 days

Once the plant roots are established, you can water them on an as needed basis (10 or more days without rain). Be sure to check the moisture level before you water (see instructions below).

**Moisture Inspection:** Check moisture before you water! If the soil is dry, you need to water generously. If the soil is moist, do not water. **Soil must be allowed to dry out between watering.** Keeping a plant too moist will deteriorate its condition and it may die or develop pests and disease. Until the root system is fully established (generally takes one year) you should check the soil for moisture to accurately determine how dry or wet it is. You can use a moisture meter or pull back the mulch and feel the soil with your hands alongside the root-ball about four inches below ground level. Annuals and Perennials require more frequent checks.

**Established Plant Material:** Slow, deep watering is preferred. Place the hose at the base of a plant and water 5-10 minutes for small plants and 10-15 minutes for larger plants and trees while moving the hose to a few locations around the plant. If using an irrigation system, be sure it is watering very early in the morning and that each zone contains sufficient time for deep watering (especially during drought conditions).

**Mulch:** Keep approximately 3 inches of mulch around plants and trees to conserve ground moisture and to help reduce weeds. Mulch should not be mounded up along the trunk, this is damaging to the plant material. In addition, too much mulch (applied too thick) is detrimental to the health of plants and trees.

**FERTILIZATION:** Please contact Proscapes for a customized professional turf or tree and shrub care treatment program.