

# Pumpkin Brook Organic Gardening, Inc.

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# Watering Instructions Spring Plantings

## **Trees and Shrubs:**

It is important to water deeply down into the root ball; wetting the plant down with a hose is of no use. Use a watering can or let the hose trickle very slowly over the base of the plant. The following guidelines need to be adjusted for fluctuations in rain and temperature.

The frequency of watering is the same, regardless of plant size:

First week:

Second week:

Third week:

Fourth week:

Every week through October:

every day

twice a week

once a week

once a week

The amount depends on size of shrub or tree:

Shrubs up to 18" high: one gallon (a milk jug is useful)
Shrubs up to 36" high: one-and-a half to two gallons
Shrubs above 36" high: two to two-and-a half gallons

Trees up to six feet: three to four gallons

Pour the water just inside the soil rim that surrounds the plant.

### Perennials:

The day after planting, water each with a pint to a quart of water, depending on size and dryness. Check the plant every other day for the first week and water if the soil appears dry or if the plant appears wilted. Thereafter, water as needed, depending on rain, right through October.

### Annuals and groundcovers:

The day after planting, water each with about a half-pint of water, depending on dryness of soil. Check the plant every other day for the first week and water if the soil appears dry or if the plant appears wilted. Thereafter, water as needed, depending on rain, right through October.