

FAQs - Watering Portion

- Watering
 - Seed - When starting a new lawn, watering is crucial to ensure that the new grass can develop roots. It will need watering at least once a day, sometimes twice. When watering, you will want to keep the top half inch well-watered and moist, but not so much that water will pool on the surface. Continue this process as the seed begins to germinate and grows to a mowable height. Depending on the grass type, germination can take anywhere from 1-3 weeks. As your grass continues growing and becomes more established, you can begin to transition the watering to that of a normal lawn - a normal lawn generally requires about an inch of water every week, whether that be from rain or from you watering it yourself.
 - Sod - **As soon as your sod installed is when watering should begin. A smaller amount of water is worth much more than many times that amount the following day.** Watering should be done slowly to soak into the sod pad as well as avoiding any extra runoff. **A good way to ensure is to look under the corners of where the sod was laid down. Make sure not to miss any exposed edges as well, as they dry out faster. Watering is best done in the early morning, or in the late afternoon.**
 - **Continue this method of watering for at least two weeks. You may need to alter the amounts dependent upon both air temperature and rainfall. This area is sensitive, so try to refrain from having any foot traffic on the area, pets included.**
 - **After these two weeks go by, you can water the sod with longer time periods in between. After three weeks, your sod should have solid roots grown in, and can be transitioned to a more normal watering cycle.**
 - **If you have sod put in during the summer, you will need to keep a sharper eye on the area to make sure it is getting the proper amount of water still.**
 - Trees and Shrubs
 - When to water

When Trees & Shrubs are initially planted, they will require more water than a more established plant would. Water them daily for the first 1-2 weeks after having them planted. After that until about 12 weeks after, you can lengthen the time between waterings to every 2 or 3 days. After 12 weeks, continue to water weekly until you can be sure that the roots have been established.

- How much to water
- **Water a tree with 1 to 1 ½ gallons of water for each inch of the trunk's diameter.**
- **If it is a shrub, using the container it is purchased in, it will take about a quarter to a third the volume of that container.**

- **With time the roots will grow, and with that, so will the area that needs to be watered.**
- Where to water
- **Water the tree directly where the stem is meeting the ground.**
- **The soil filled into the planting hole needs to stay moist. By doing this, you are helping the roots transition from the planting soil into the ground surrounding.**
- **Tree roots grow every year, so the area being water will need to expand with time.**