

Planting and Watering Guidelines

*Thank you for purchasing your plants from Cayuga Landscape!
We appreciate the fact that you have placed your trust in us and our plant material.
Here is some great advice in planting and caring for your new plants...*

Planting:

1. Dig a hole the same depth and one and a half to two times the width of the root ball or container. (Digging the hole wider allows loose amended soil to be filled in around the plant for easy root penetration. If your site is wet, plant several inches high, tapering the soil outward.)
2. Mix the best of the excavated soil with organic matter such as peat moss or compost.
3. Place plant in hole and remove burlap and twine from around the trunk if necessary.
(or remove container, 'rough up' the roots, and place plant in the hole)
4. Backfill with the loose amended soil and firm down to remove air pockets.
5. Choose to stake to prevent wind damage and use trunk protectors or fencing to protect from deer.
6. Water thoroughly and see below.

Watering:

There is an easy-to-remember Watering Adage for new plantings which reads:

*“Once a day for the first week,
Once a week for the first month,
Once a month for the first year”*

However, this is not completely accurate...
Please follow these guidelines as well:

1. Most often you have to water quite a bit more with later spring and hot summer month plantings. Water heavily if the soil appears to dry out quickly or water more frequently if the area is in a drought.
2. Do not water if the soil feels wet; wait until the soil dries out before watering again. Overwatering can kill plants by eliminating the oxygen in the root zone. This can be an issue with poorly drained soils.
3. You want to make sure *evergreens* go into the winter in a well-watered state perhaps by giving them a good soaking in November. Deciduous plants usually will not need to be watered at all from mid-November to mid-April.
4. For second year plants (those that have overwintered) resume watering in May when warmer temperatures dry the ground. Continue with one time per week waterings during hot dry weeks. From then on, water during droughts as needed.
5. The amount of water is generally 10-15 gallons per tree and 2-3 gallons per shrub, depending on the size and dryness of soil.