



## **General Watering Guide-Plants**

**Hattoy's recommends you give your new plants adequate watering after an installation has occurred. Being on top of the watering process will help ensure the longevity and health of your plants. Improper, lack of proper watering, and complete negligence of watering newly installed plants can void a plant guarantee.**

**Trees and shrubs (under most cases) will be installed with a layer of mulch around the base of the plants. Not only is mulch an aesthetic looking material for landscaping, but is very functional. Mulch helps absorb water when it rains, or when plants are manually watered by the homeowner. Mulch also helps prevent the soil around the root zone from drying out. These are 2 major benefits to mulching, and why we recommend it. With that being said, just because there wasn't mulch around your new plant, doesn't mean it will not survive.**

**During warmer months, newly installed plants might need to be watered everyday or a couple of days a week. During cooler months, plants may need to be watered much less, or at the end of the season, maybe not at all (if winter is around the corner, the plants will just go dormant). There's no exact formula to tell exactly how much to water a plant, but new plants generally should be watered at least a few days a week, no matter what season. If it's a larger tree or plant, water it for longer. If it's a small perennial, it might only need a "3 second count" with a hose. You should water your new plant for at least 2-3 months after it has been established. (Always give a little extra water in the heat of summer, even if after this period).**

**We generally recommend soaking the base of the root zone where the mulch is with water. You might give 3-5 second counts to perennials, 10-15 second count for small shrubs, 30 second count for large shrubs. You should always have a nozzle on the end of the hose, so you aren't blasting the soil away from the plant. You should apply it to a "shower" setting, or one comparable that evenly disperses the water.**

**Large trees may have a catch basin or a "bowl" installed by one of our crew members around the base of the root zone. This "bowl" is meant to help collect the water from running off when it rains or when they are being manually watered. Fill that basin up with a few large buckets, or let a hose slowly trickle in the basin for a good hour for large trees.**

