



## Newly Installed Plant, Tree & Grass Watering Schedule & Maintenance

Plant/tree install date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grass install date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Plants/Shrubs

*Note: If the plants/ground is still wet from rain, skip the watering for the day*

**Week 1 & 2:** Daily water each plant for 10-15 seconds. The smaller the plant, spend less time watering it.

**Week 3 & 4:** Every other day water each plant for 10-15 seconds.

**Week 5 & 6:** Twice a week water each plant for 10-15 seconds.

**Week 7 & beyond:** Once a week water each plant for 10-15 seconds. If the weather has been hot, windy & dry water one additional day that week.

### Trees

*Note: If the plants/ground is still wet from rain, skip the watering for the day*

**Weeks 1 – 4:** Two to three days a week fill the tree well.

**Weeks 5 & 6:** Every fourth day fill the tree well.

**Weeks 7 & beyond:** Once a week fill the tree well. If the weather has been hot, windy & dry, water one additional day that week.

**Year 2 & beyond:** Water thoroughly once a week. This means you want to apply about ½" of water over the rooting area. If you are using a hose and sprinkler, set up tuna cans to see how long it takes to water ½".

## Grass

### ***Watering schedule***

**Week 1:** Water 3 times/day morning, noon, and evening for 6-10 minutes with a sprinkler.

You want the sod to be moist all the way through to the surface of the soil under the sod. If the surface of the soil is dry, the roots won't grow into it. Over this week you can pick up a corner of the sod to check to make sure you are getting enough water down. If you can't pull up a corner, it means the roots are growing in!

**Week 2:** Water 2 times/day morning and afternoon or evening for 8-12 minutes with a sprinkler. See the moist soil note above.

**Week 3:** Water 1 time/day morning or evening for 10-14 minutes

**Week 4:** Water 1 time every other day morning or evening for 15 minutes

**Week 5-6:** Water twice a week for 30 minutes

**Week 6 and beyond:** Water once a week for 30-45 minutes. You want to water about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", so the length of time depends on the sprinkler/how they water.

### ***Mowing***

This grass should max out around 4" tall. If you want to keep it shorter, you can mow it. Just make sure to only cut off 1/3 of the grass blade height (if it's 3" tall, only cut 1" off). Ultimately, you don't have to mow at all during the growing season due to the height.

In early May mow it short to get all the dead leaves cut off from the previous year.

Fertilize in early May. You can use a simple fertilizer, with the exception of a "weed and feed" fertilizer unless it's specifically for Bermuda grass.

### ***Weed Control***

Regular lawn weed control methods may kill or stress out the Bermuda grass, so you will need to use weed control specific for Bermuda grass.

Visit this website for more information on weed control for Bermuda grass:

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/best-weed-killers-for-bermuda-grass>