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The All Season Gift and Garden Center

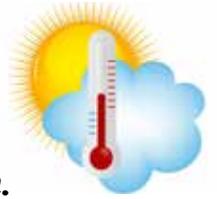
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Summer Planting Tips

Most plants that die in the summer actually die from dehydration - not from hot temperatures. Plants in containers, plants with small root balls, and plants next to south or west facing walls or buildings, are the most prone to dehydration. Don't be afraid to 'DROWN' your plants for the first week after planting. It does not hurt to 'over-water' your plants for the first week, just don't 'over-water' them all summer long.



Hot, dry winds are very damaging to plants during the first summer. Water your plants before and after hot, summer winds. South winds are the most dehydrating winds during the summer, especially during July and August.

Water Requirements - Please Read J&L's Complete Planting Guide.

1. It is important to remove all the trapped air in the soil around the roots. Fill the hole 1/2 full of soil and then add water. Continue filling in the rest of hole with soil to the proper level. Stir the soil to help the water soak in. Do not bury your plant too deep.
2. Make a basin around each plant that will hold at least 1 gallon of water for small plants and at least 5 gallons of water for large plants. Fill the basin 2 or 3 times when you first plant your plants.
3. Water Plants every day - *with a Hose* - for the first week. Make sure to fill the entire basin each time you water.
4. Water Plants at least once or twice a week - *with a Hose* - for the first Month. Do Not Rely on Sprinklers (or Drip Irrigation Systems) to water your plants during the first summer, especially the first month!
5. Check plants regularly. Hand water plants as often as needed. Keep your plants consistently moist - but not constantly wet - There is a big difference.
6. Cover the ground around new plants with bark or mulch to help maintain soil moisture and to cool the soil.



Watering Tip: Plants with small root balls (purchased in small containers) need to be watered more frequently than plants with large root balls (purchased in large containers).

Fertilizer Requirements

1. Mix *Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer* in the soil before planting.
2. Fertilize your plants with *Dr. Earth All Purpose Fertilizer* early next spring. The best time to fertilize shrubs and trees is in March or April.



Remember that some plants need to be watered more frequently than others, so check your plants regularly, and apply sufficient water - as often as needed.