



PLANT CARE SHEET

Watering:

The most important thing to remember when you have had new plantings installed is to implement a comprehensive watering program. Good judgment is also essential. The best and most effective way to water your new landscape is to deep water by placing a hose to the root zone of the plant and water slowly. Deep water your plants every other day for the first month or so, then reduce watering to every third day for another three weeks, depending on the time of year. If your plantings were installed in the spring when there is an abundance of rain (at least an inch per rain event) the plants should not need watering for two or three days. However, if it has not rained for a week it is critical that you water. When Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials are newly planted their roots are not yet established and they need life-giving moisture. During the dry summer months and into the fall, until the ground freezes, it is critical that you deep-water at least twice a week. This regiment should continue for the first year. After the first year good judgment can keep your plant material thriving. For example, a particularly long stretch of dry weather means you should begin the above watering regiment once again.

Mulching:

Trees and shrubs benefit from three inches of mulch. Mulching helps keep the soil underneath from drying out too rapidly. To reduce the risk of insects and disease, never mound around the trunk or base of a plant. A light annual mulching is usually necessary for the appearance and general maintenance of the planting area. Application of mulch to ground cover areas after their initial installation is usually not necessary.

Winter Protection:

Evergreen shrubs require some winter protection. An anti-desiccant such as 'Wilt Pruf' can prevent much wind burn and winter kill. Some plantings may require burlap protection to prevent wind and snow damage.

Fertilizing:

Fertilizing is essential and will help your plant material thrive. When your landscaping is first installed a starter fertilizer is applied. After the first year a comprehensive fertilization program should be implemented. Acid loving plants such as: (Rhododendron, Azaleas, Holly and most Evergreens) prefer an acid based fertilizer such as Holly Tone (4-6-4). Tree Tone (9-5-4) is great for Deciduous Trees and shrubs. Plant Tone and Flower Tone are effective for Perennials. Check the manufactures specification for fertilization frequency and amounts.

Note:

In order for our plant warrantee to be valid we require that our plant care regiment be followed. If you notice that plant material installed by ELA is beginning to show signs of distress, we must be contacted immediately so that corrective action can be implemented. Failure to do so will result in a void of out plant guarantee. Our goal is to educate the consumer regarding their landscaping so that gardens can be enjoyed for a lifetime.