



Start-Up Plant Watering

- 1) All new plants must be watered every day for the first two weeks after installation.
 - A) The amount of time to run sprinklers will depend on:
 - 1) soil type
 - 2) season
 - 3) temperatures
 - 4) wind
 - 5) drainage
 - 6) rainfall
 - 7) type of heads
 - B) Spray heads will need to run between 4 and 12 minutes each day.
 - C) Rotors will need to run between 10 and 40 minutes each day.
 - D) Bubblers will need to run between 2 and 8 minutes each day.
 - E) Leaky pipe will need to run between 15 and 30 minutes each day.
- 2) Always check soil moisture every two or three days to ensure proper watering.
- 3) Check soil moisture in two places:
 - A) In root ball of plant.
 - B) In soil just outside of root ball.
- 4) After initial two weeks, cut watering back to every other day. Continue at this rate for one to two weeks depending upon the season and the soil type.
- 5) After four weeks, water as needed to keep plants healthy. It is better for the plants to be on the dry side rather than the wet side.
If the plants are losing their luster, wilting, or getting brown leaves, always check the soil before watering to make sure they are not too wet.
- 6) The soil should be moist, not dry or dripping wet to the touch.
- 7) The tubes in trees are there to monitor the water not to put water in. The tubes should *not* hold water constantly at the root level of plants. If the water is in the very bottom of the tube, continue to water the tree, but do so for a lesser time.

- 8) Trees and some larger shrubs may need supplemental water with a hose at least once a week in dry times and when it is hot and/or windy for the first year.

- 9) When watering the tree, run the hose at full flow for approximately one minute. (Vary as needed for tree size) around the base of the tree. *Do not let the hose slow drip on the tree for long periods of time.