

## **WATERING ESSENTIALS**

On the day of the installation, please have a hose prepared that can reach the planting site. After installation, the new plants should be watered as follows:

- Every day for the first week.
- Three times per week from April to September.
- Two times per week from October to November 15th.

Watering times will vary depending on soil and location type (for example, sandy soil requires more water than clay soil). We cannot stress enough the absolute importance of slow, deep watering of the entire root ball for each new tree and shrub; lawn irrigation systems and quick daily watering are insufficient for the health and longevity of newly planted trees and shrubs. In typical healthy soil conditions, a 2-4" caliper tree requires about 10 gallons of water, 2-3 times per week. Medium to large shrubs need 5 gallons of water applied 2-3 times per week. If you are unsure about the moisture level of your soil, we recommend purchasing a moisture meter. Improper and/or insufficient watering will void our one-year warranty.

### **Hydration Goals**

The goal of watering is to keep the rootball and surrounding soil moist but not soggy. How much water to apply and how often depends on many factors, including soil type, weather, and location.

### **Yeah! But How?**

Slow, deep watering is best. Use either a soaker hose or a garden hose at a trickle. Water this way for at least twenty minutes. The goal is to train the roots to grow downward in search of water, rather than staying near the surface. This will help your plant better withstand drought and other environmental stressors.

### **How Do I Know I've Done Enough?**

Gauging proper hydration during inclement weather can be confusing. You may think that all is okay because it rained, but digging into the ground can show that just under the soil surface, the ground can be powdery dry. This is because pouring rain tends to run off rather than soak in. As a general guideline, new plants should be watered every day for the first week and three times per week for the remainder of the first growing season.