

Professional Plant Watering & Establishment Guide

Healthy roots and thriving plants in Arizona's climate



Stage 1 Weeks 1-3	Water every day; slowly saturate the entire original root ball. Use a pencil-sized hose stream for 45-75 minutes; adjust for soil drainage.
Stage 2 Weeks 4-6	Water every other day, soaking deeply rather than sprinkling. Check 4-6 inches below the surface; the root zone should feel evenly moist.
Stage 3 Weeks 7-9	Water every third day and expand the watering basin outward. Move emitters toward the developing root tips as the plant begins to establish.
Stage 4 Weeks 10-12	Water twice per week with a slow, thorough saturation. Allow slight drying between sessions while preventing the root ball from drying out.
Stage 5 Established	Provide one deep saturation per week during warm weather. Adjust for rainfall, soil type, plant variety, season, and signs of moisture stress.

Ongoing Root & Irrigation Care

- Roots grow from the tips, similar to branches.
- Increase watering wells as plants mature.
- Move or add drip emitters as root systems expand, especially for trees.
- Supplemental irrigation supports healthier, faster growth.
- Mulch around trees and shrubs to retain moisture and cool the soil.

Warm-Weather Water Guidelines

PLANT SIZE	WEEKLY WATER
15-gallon plant	Approximately 30-50 gallons
24-gallon plant	Approximately 40-60 gallons

Water needs rise as plants grow. Fruit trees and non-desert-adapted plants typically require additional irrigation.

Questions about your new plants? We are always happy to help.
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