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WATERING & FERTILIZING TIPS FOR A BEAUTIFUL LAWN

Water is essential to all life...too little water and we die, too much and we drown. Water makes up 70% to 80% of the weight of your new sod and shrubs. The clippings from your lawn are nearly 90% water. Regular watering will help maintain the moisture of your new sod, as well as trees and shrubs, so that they will flourish in our New Mexico climate.

How To Water Turf & Plants

Watering Tips

- **A well watered lawn:** footprints will completely disappear within minutes.
- **Grass in need of water:** Will have a gray-blue cast to it and footprints will still appear after a half-hour or more on a lawn.
- **Morning is the ideal time to water!** Deep watering early in the morning will give your lawn, trees and shrubs the moisture needed to get through hot days.
- The higher the temperature and wind velocity, the greater the water loss becomes.
- **Infrequent and deep watering is preferred for existing lawn, trees and shrubs!** Deeply rooted plant life will have a large "soil-water bank" to draw moisture from. This will help them survive the hot weather that rapidly dries out the upper soil layer. The hot New Mexico sun and high wind not only dries out the topsoil around the plant life but the foliage you see above the ground.
- The amount of water required depends on evaporation, temperature, winds, time of day, type of watering system, etc...
- When new sod, trees or shrubs are installed, they sometimes go in to "shock". With regular watering, they will be back to normal in 30 to 60 days.
- **Look at your lawn to determine its water needs!** If you cut back the water time and the lawn starts to look distressed, then increase the watering time slightly until your yard looks healthy again.

*******Remember, the most important thing is that newly installed sod,
trees and shrubs must be watered every day. *******

Fertilizer Application Information

- Please read the instructions on the fertilizer bag for application.
- Adequate watering is critical following applications! Be sure to water the fertilized area immediately following the application and resume with normal watering thereafter.
- Be careful not to over fertilize a lawn, you could burn it. Fertilize your lawn 4 to 5 times per year; use the holidays as a memory guide. (i.e. Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and Halloween for a winterizer.

Watering Guide for New Mexico

This is just a guide, if your plant material start to look dry then increase the water time.

Newly Planted Trees and Shrubs

Season	Days to water each week	Number of Gallons Each Day	Number of Gallons Each Day	Number of Gallons Each Day
		1-gallon Shrubs	5-gallon Shrubs	15-gallon Tree
Spring	3	1	2	3
Summer	7	1	2	3
Fall	3	1	2	3
Winter (weather permitting)	2	1	2	3

Newly Installed Sod

Season	Days to water each week
Spring	Water Once a day for 20 minutes until 2nd mowing then once a day
Summer	Water Twice a day for 20 minutes until 2nd mowing then once a day
Fall	Water Once a day for 20 minutes until 2nd mowing then once a day
Winter	Water Once a day for 20 minutes until 1st mowing then 3 days a week (weather permitting)