

## General Care Guidelines

During the first year after planting, a plant should be kept on a watering schedule. A plant does not need to be watered daily, nor should it be watered sporadically. Check annuals and perennials every few days during the first two (2) weeks, then every seven (7) to ten (10) days following this two week period. A good schedule will call for thorough watering of one (1) inch of rainfall about every five (5) days during the first year. Less frequent but more thorough watering will promote growth and produce results.

Watering your plants can best be accomplished by laying your garden hose beside the trunk of the plant and turning the water on so the stream of water is the size of a pencil. The plant should be watered from ten (10) minutes to two (2) hours depending on the size of the plant. For example:

<u>Perennials</u>	<u>Small Shrubs</u>	<u>Large Shrubs</u>	<u>Small Trees</u>	<u>Large Trees</u>
10-15 min.	15-20 min.	20-30 min.	30-40 min.	1 - 1-1/2 hours
15-20 min.	20-25 min.	30-40 min.	40-50 min.	1-1/2 - 2 hours

All newly seeded lawns should receive two-tenths of an inch of water per day. This constant amount of water is necessary to promote germination and can be accomplished by placing a rain gauge in the area being sprinkled. After calculating the length of time required to reach the two-tenths inch mark on the rain gauge, you will then know how often to move your sprinkler.

The hardness of the soil tells whether the watering schedule is sufficient. A soil that water can be squeezed from contains excess water; however, if the soil crumbles to a powder or dust, then that is an indication that water needs to be increased. To help conserve ground moisture and prevent weeds, maintain a two (2) to two-and-a-half (2-1/2) inch mulch layer. Remember, excess amounts of mulch will result in poor air circulation and reduce plant vigor.

Your plants are guaranteed to be free from pests and diseases upon installation. We use plant varieties that are disease and pest resistant whenever possible. To maintain the pest free nature of your plants proper maintenance, fertilization, and watering must be administered.

We hope these tips will enable you to minimize time and expenses in caring for your newly installed landscape. We hope you keep us in mind for future additions or enhancements you may want for your landscaping.

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### Important Warranty Information

Dues Nursery & Landscaping warrants our plant materials to be true to name and size according to accepted industry standards. We sell only the freshest materials that have hardiness tolerance suitable to this area. If a requested plant has a hardiness zone rating that is less tolerant, we will let you know and a substitute will be recommended; otherwise, the plant will be excluded from the guarantee. Upon completion of your landscaping, you will receive general landscape and watering instructions. Maintaining your new landscape is not difficult, just remember that plants are living things and require special care. Once we have installed your landscaping, you are responsible for the continued health and vigor of your plants. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at **419-586-1290**, because we here at Dues Nursery & Landscaping care about our customers and are here to help you with your landscape needs.

- ❖ The standard warranty is for a one-year period if installed by Dues Nursery, LTD. Annuals, seeds, grass seeds, and bulbs are excluded from this guarantee due to shallow root systems and susceptibility to moisture and temperature extremes.
- ❖ There is a 90 day limited guarantee for all perennials and groundcover if installed between April 15th and October 15th.
- ❖ The following items will be warranted until November 1st of the purchase year upon presentation of warranty ticket and dead plant: Roses, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, and all perennials.
- ❖ A lifetime warranty is also available upon request.
- ❖ If not installed by Dues Nursery, LTD., there is a **50% replacement warranty for one year**.
- ❖ The sales associate will inspect the project site at the time of installation and completion for any foreseeable problems and you will be notified if we detect anything that could hinder the plant's growth. However, please notify us **immediately** if symptoms of plant decline, including wilting, leaf or needle drop, discoloration of leaves or woody stems, insect infestation, etc. are observed. This allows us to quickly determine the possible causes and solutions as soon as possible.
- ❖ Dues Nursery, LTD. will not be responsible for plant material that has been damaged by vandalism, fire, removal and relocation, wildlife, theft, or other activities beyond the landscape contractor's control. Plant loss due to abnormal weather conditions such as floods, excessive wind damage, drought, severe freezing or abnormal rains will not be included within the warranty.
- ❖ Warranty may be void if the proper care and watering by the owner or the owner's maintenance contractor is not maintained. Plants that were not able to survive transplanting even if done so by us also do not fall within the lines of this guarantee.
- ❖ Replacements are granted on a one-time basis and shall be of the same type, size, and quality as original species unless otherwise negotiated.
- ❖ **No cash refunds** will be given with respect to warranty claims.
- ❖ Plant materials, which do not survive and require replacement, will be replaced as they become available and our schedule permits.
- ❖ There is also **no warranty for any labor charges**. A labor charge will be allotted each time we plant.
- ❖ Accounts must be paid in full before any credit is issued or replacements are made.
- ❖ Nursery stock prices are subject to change without notice.
- ❖ A \$35.00 charge will be made for examining nursery stock at the customer's request. If this item is under warranty by Dues Nursery, LTD., there will be no charge.
- ❖ Warranty excluded on all discounted/sale items.