



MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL LANDSCAPING

Congratulations on your new landscaping! In an effort to promote the success of your landscape project, we want to offer a few tips on maintaining that 'new' look.

Watering:

1. Check for moisture under the mulch/rock at the base of the plant as the roots have not had a chance to grow outside the original container yet. Do this on a daily basis especially during hot, windy weather.
2. Once you have an idea how much water each plant requires, a visual inspection every few days should be adequate.
3. Do not completely rely on the sprinkler system to provide water to all the plants without checking. Usually some plants get more water than they need because two or three different heads are hitting them.
4. As a general rule, plants that are too wet will start looking yellow without wilting or drooping leaves. Plants that are too dry almost always have leaves that look wilted and eventually get a crispy appearance and drop off.
5. Watering is the life blood of new plants and is the single most important element between life and death for the first month as new plants acclimate to their new surroundings.

Weed Control:

1. You will never have more weeds than you have the first year. In the process of creating new beds or reestablishing old ones, dormant weed seeds get stirred up to the surface and flourish with the amount of water the other plants are receiving.
2. Johnson's Garden Center has already applied a preemergent to help control the germination of new weed seeds, and that should give fairly good control for a couple of months. When new weeds are a problem just reapply **American Weed and Grass Stopper**.
3. Any weeds or grasses that get by the preemergent can be eliminated by spot spraying with Ready-to-Use **KILLZALL** or **Sure Shot Round-Up Foam**, so only the weeds are killed, not the shrub.