

Considerations for First-year Watering Plan						
	Spring planting	Fall planting	Fast-draining soils ¹	Large plant stock used (5-gallon pots or greater) ²	Consecutive days of hot, dry weather in spring ³	Range of Totals
Months	Base Plan	Base Plan	Add	Add	Add	
May	Plan 1 time	Plan no water	Add 1 time	Add 1 time or hand water large plants	Add 1 time if soils below mulch are parched	0 to 4 times
June	Plan 1 time	Plan 1 time	Add 1 time	Add 1 time or hand water large plants	Add 1 time if soils below mulch are parched	1 to 4 times
July	Plan 3 times	Plan 2 to 3 times	Add 1 time	Add 1 time or hand water large plants	Add 1 time if no rain in first week	2 to 6 times
August	Plan 3 times	Plan 2 to 3 times	Add 1 time	Water all equally	Planned rates expect dry weather this month	2 to 4 times
September	Plan 2 times	Plan 1 to 2 times	Add 1 time, depending on plants' appearance & weather	Water all equally	Planned rates expect dry weather this month; early, significant rainfall may allow reducing 1 time	1 to 3 times

¹ Mulching is especially critical in fast-draining soils.

² Large, field-grown trees and shrubs require even more water.

³ Sites should always be checked for wilting or leaf browning during heat waves and watered if necessary.

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