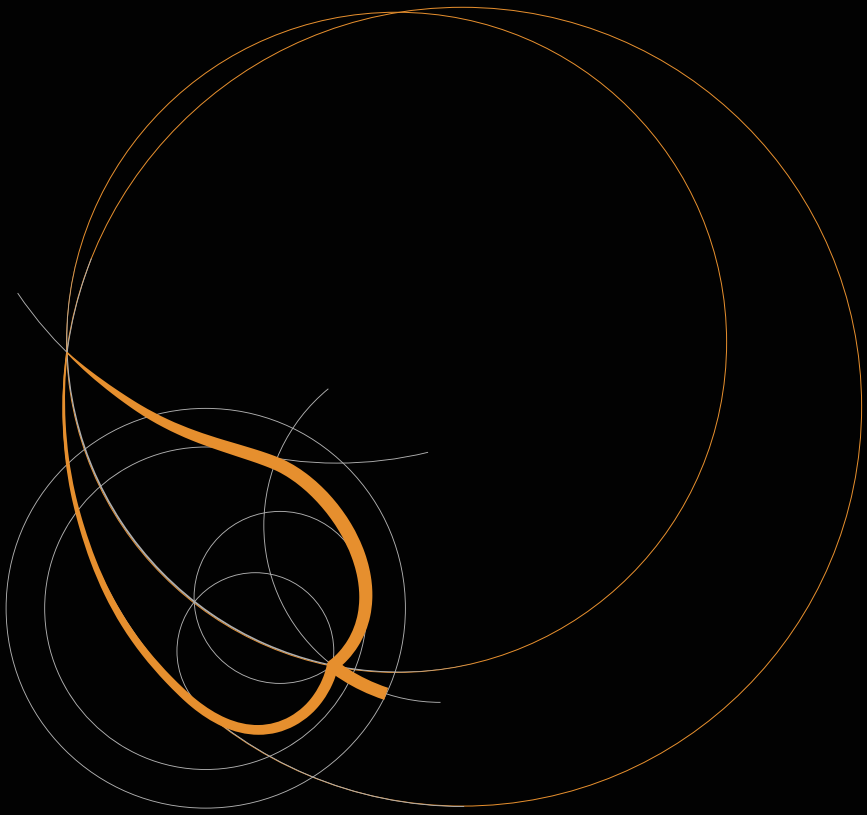


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# Watering Guide

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# Establishing Healthy Plants:
# Review Your Watering Techniques



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## Shrubs

Establishment period: 2-3 years
Minimum of 40-60 litres per week

### First Year:

- Water 1-2 times per week during growing season
- During drought periods and extreme heat this may need to be increased to 2-3 times per week

### Second/Third Year:

- During drought and extreme heat, water 1-2 times per week



## Trees

Establishment period: 3-5 years
Minimum of 90-100 litres per week

### First Year:

- Water 1-2 times per week during growing season
- During drought periods and extreme heat this may need to be increased to 2-3 times per week

### Second to Fifth Year:

- During drought and extreme heat, water 1-2 times per week



## Herbaceous Perennials

Establishment period: 1-2 years
Minimum of 40 litres per week

### First Year:

- Water 1-2 times per week during growing season
- During drought periods and extreme heat this may need to be increased to 2-3 times per week

### Second Year:

- During drought and extreme heat, water 1-2 times per week

## What factors affect plant establishment?

**Type of plant:** All plants have individual watering needs on top of what is needed to establish them.
**Size of plant:** Larger plants will always need more water, especially as they establish.
**Soil type:** All soil types vary in their ability to hold onto water; if your soil drains quickly, water more often.
**Weather conditions:** Wind dries plants out quicker then sun alone. On windy days, even when raining, you may still need to water.

## Watering Techniques

### Hose



- Can be left on a low flow to maximise the chance of water soaking in deeply
- Creates little waste and the water ends up where it is needed

### Watering Can



- Ineffective for watering larger plants (such as trees and specimen shrubs) as they rarely receive enough water
- Best used for shallow rooted plants, such as bedding pots and vegetables

### Mulching



- Healthy soil means healthy plants
- Mulching will aid in water retention with whichever watering method is chosen

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