

Vertumni

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Watering Guidelines

Year One

After Planting

Vertumni's crew will have watered upon completion of planting. Allow the water to soak in and drain, and water again, until the soil is thoroughly moistened.

Spring through Fall, When Weather is Dry

For the first week or so after planting, water just-planted plants frequently - daily or every other day - as the roots will not be able to access soil moisture from a very large area until they begin to grow.

After the first week or so, unless the weather is extremely hot and dry, you may be able to decrease watering frequency, perhaps to two or three times per week, for the next month or two.

Years Two to Three

You should need to water deeply only once or twice per week in dry weather. Exactly how often and how long you water will depend on your soil and other conditions.

After Year Three

Plants should be fairly well established by now, and can thrive with less watering than you may expect. Plants selected for drought tolerance in your conditions may need no supplemental water, whereas shallow-rooted plants or plants with greater water needs may need water weekly. Many plants may need watering only a couple times per month in dry weather. Remember that all plants will benefit from deeper and less frequent watering as a general rule.

Container Plants

Check containers daily during the summer, as they tend to dry out quickly. On a hot day in full sun you may need to water twice. To determine whether a container needs water, stick your finger into the soil. If it's dry down to the first knuckle on your index finger, add water. If the soil is damp, don't water. Always apply enough water so that some drips out the bottom drain hole.

If your plant is wilting or the soil is dry and pulling away from the edge of the pot, your plant needs immediate watering. Place the pot in a bucket or saucer of water, so that it can soak water right up into the soil rather than running around the root ball.