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### **Watering Instructions for a New Landscape**

Please use this schedule as a guideline for watering your new landscape during the first year. A good rain equaling  $\frac{3}{4}$ " or more is equivalent to one watering. Often in winter or rainy months, you will only need to water every few weeks.

Each day that you water, **schedule about 10 -12 minutes for pop-up systems and 25 minutes for rotar systems.** In north Texas, most of us have clay soil. This soil has a high water holding capacity but a short water infiltration rate, which is the speed at which water enters the soil. The rate decreases dramatically as irrigation time increases. So, with a normal pop-up sprinkler system, you can water a maximum of 10 - 12 minutes before the water starts to run off. This means that if you need to water about 20 minutes in a particular zone, **you need to run the sprinkler in two 10 minute segments of time,** with a rest between the two times. Most sprinkler controllers have at least two start times that you can program. Watering in shorter segments will prevent run-off and actually provide deeper watering.

#### Time of Year

#### Frequency

During the **FIRST TWO MONTHS** after landscape installation (regardless of season or month):

- **Water every 4 to 10 days, monitoring carefully for unusual heat or drought conditions. If in doubt, call us.**

For the **REMAINDER OF THE FIRST YEAR**, follow these watering guidelines for the appropriate month:

November through March

- Water every 2 weeks

April through mid-September

- Water every 2 -3 days

Mid-September through October

- Water every 10 - 14 days

Please keep in mind that this is only a guideline, and let us know if you have any questions regarding this schedule.

Also, while your landscape is young, you should inspect all plants regularly for any signs of trouble. Should you be concerned about anything, please call us immediately.