

GENERAL CARE INSTRUCTION SHEET

To help you better maintain your new plant materials; we have provided some basic care instructions below. For additional information, call us anytime at 33-464-7652. Thank you for choosing Kimmell's Premier Landscapes.

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Remember that plants are living and require some special care. Once we have installed your landscape, you have the responsibility for the continued health and vigor of the planting. The following instructions will help you to maintain and enjoy your investment.

WATERING

- **Check all plants as described below**
 - Tree and Shrubs** 2-3 days for the first 3 weeks
 - Annuals and Perennials** 1-2 days for first 3 weeks
- After the first three weeks check your plants every week to 10 days, unless extreme conditions apply (flooding, drought). Simply dig around the root zone with your fingers to a depth of 2-3" for annuals and 6-8" for trees and shrubs. Water generously when soil feels dry to the touch.
- **Slow, deep watering is preferred.** This type of watering is accomplished by placing the hose at the base of a plant, at a heavy trickle, and water for 5-10 minutes for small plants and longer for larger plants while moving the hose in a few locations around the plant.
 - **When the soil feels moist DO NOT WATER.** Soil must be allowed to dry out between watering. If a plant is maintained in constantly moist soil the plant's health will deteriorate over time. A plant weakened by over watering may die of oxygen deprivation or become susceptible to pests and diseases. For this reason, lawn irrigation systems if not designed correctly, can be hazardous to ornamental plantings.
 - **Monitoring water requirements frequently is more important than watering frequently.** Monitor your plants' watering requirements for at least the first two to three years. Plants close to buildings where heat may reflect and plants under roof eaves require close monitoring. During the hot summer months and early fall disregard natural rainfall. Often rain received during these periods produces mostly runoff and contributes very little, if any, to increasing ground moisture.
 - **Maintain a 1-1 ½" mulch layer** to help conserve ground moisture, prevent weeds, and retain moisture. Remember that excess amounts of mulch will result in poor air circulation and reduce plant vigor.

FERTILIZATION

- **Kimmell's Premier Landscapes fertilizes at the time of planting.** If planted before September 1st, after six weeks we recommend using Plantone, Hollytone, or Flowertone fertilizers. Be sure to follow the instructions on the label. If you have any questions on specific requirements, please call us.

PESTS

- **Your plants are guaranteed to be free from pests and disease upon installation.** We use plant varieties that are disease and pest resistant whenever possible. As a secondary control, our plant material is closely monitored and turned over rapidly to ensure that you receive the freshest and healthiest plants available.
- **Be observant of changes in plant vigor and growth.** Plants are more susceptible to pests and diseases if they are weakened through poor maintenance practices such as over or under watering. If you walk through the landscape and are observant of your plants' progress, you will spot symptoms of disease or insect infestations well in advance of any serious problems.

Pruning

- **Pruning should be minimized for good plant health.** When planted and spaced according to its growth characteristics, a plant should require little pruning. However, you may remove dead or dying branches and crossed or running branches any time of the year. When in doubt call us at 330-464-7652.

Remember these tips will enable you to minimize time and expense in caring for your new landscape. Following these instructions will also keep your warranty for plant materials, valid.