

Plant / Tree Aftercare

- New plants need plenty of water to help them establish. Water plants well with a thorough soaking. This encourages the roots to grow down deep into the soil rather than staying near the surface. Surface roots are more susceptible to drought and frost. Plants with shallow roots will need more regular watering during dry weather.
- In dry and windy conditions, the plants can dry out quickly and will need to be watered every other day.
- Watering is best carried out either early morning or late afternoon/early evening, when the day is cooler and can soak into the soil before evaporating.
- During a hot spell, trees and shrubs will require about 24litres per m2 every 10 days to continue growing. If the ground is very dry its worth watering the plants twice, leaving about 30minutes between the watering to allow the water to soak in.
- It is best to water plants individually with a watering can, a hose with a spray or via a watering system such as a seep hose or drip system that can be turned on at night rather than using a sprinkler as this can miss smaller plants behind big plants.

- Check any rubber ties on trees at least twice per year and any ties/labels on climbers, shrubs and smaller trees once per month during the growing season to make sure they aren't growing into the plant and damaging them.

- If any cold weather occurs after planting, check the plants to make sure the plants haven't been lifted out of the ground by the frost, firm back in as required.

- After any strong winds, check the plants and make sure their root balls haven't moved in the ground, firm up as required. This is called wind rock.

- Keep areas around the new plants weed free as these can be compete with new plants

- Keep an eye on new growth on the plants, if some of it is too vigorous on a young plant, it can break off and cause damage to the plant. On shrubs and trees, these can be pruned back 50% if required and on wall plants tied to framework.

- Keep an eye on the plants and check for any pests and diseases on the plants and treat with the correct treatment.

