



CARING FOR YOUR DECIDIOUS & EVERGREEN SHRUBS

To help you get them off to a good start, we have prepared an information sheet with some easy and important things to do.

WATERING:

1. Water every other day for the first two weeks after installation; giving each plant 2-4 gallons each depending on the size of the plant.
2. Always water the soil, not the top of the plant to avoid wet foliage and fungus problems.
3. Water 2 times a week for the rest of the first season, except in the case of extremely wet or dry weather.
4. Care should be taken to monitor any signs of plant stress during this initial watering period; such as leaf drop or discoloration. This may be a sign of either too little or too much water due to your particular soil conditions.

FEEDING:

1. Acid loving evergreen shrubs may be fed with a fertilizer such as Holly tone (4-6-4) at least once a year in the early spring; preferably twice a year, early spring and late fall.
2. Deciduous flowering shrubs and evergreen flowering shrubs may be fed with a slow release organic fertilizer such as Tree Tone or Holly Tone.
3. Be careful to spread the fertilizer away from the stems of the shrubs, scratching it into the soil a little, and don't over apply, as too much fertilizer will burn the roots.

PRUNING:

Yearly pruning and shaping is recommended for most species of shrubs. There are too many variables to cover all pruning techniques, so please contact the nursery for specific pruning requirements.

WINTER PROTECTION:

Winter and snow protection are important for the health and shape of your shrubs.

1. Shrub shelters should be used to prevent sliding snow from falling onto and breaking foundation plantings.
2. Anti-desiccant sprays such as Wilt-Pruf and wrapping with burlap will protect broad leaf evergreens like Rhododendrons and Mt. Laurels from drying out in the winter wind. Yews,

Alberta spruce, hemlock and arborvitae also need burlap wrapping to help prevent deer damage and winter burn.

Following these simple procedures will help keep your shrubs in top condition for years of continued enjoyment. Please feel free to call us with any questions. 802-325-3007. Thanks for choosing Mettowee Mill Garden Center & Landscaping for your landscaping and gardening needs.