

5 Easy Steps to Correctly Water Shrubs and Perennials

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Know your plants.

- Many established shrubs and perennial only need water in the driest of weather.
- Native plants and drought tolerant plants don't need watering once established.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together.

2

Know your soil.

Amend your soil with 3 inches of organic material to provide proper drainage.

3

Dig down 3" before you water.

Use a trowel or soil probe to test the dryness of the soil.

4

Get water to the roots.

Water deeply with 1" of water. Hand watering, drip systems, soaker hose or micro spray heads are ideal. Water garden beds separately from lawns. Water in the morning when it is cool.

5

Mulch.

Apply mulch or compost 2 or 3 inches to hold moisture in the soil.
Beauty bark does not count.



Don't forget!
Back flow
devices are
required for all
irrigation
systems.

Rule of thumb for perennials and shrubs: summer watering is 30 minutes per week when the soil dries out. This is based on average summer temperatures and average soils. Always check to assure that water has infiltrated to the root zone.

