Landscape Care & Watering Guide

Thank you for choosing Hackmann Lawn & Landscape! Proper watering is the most important step in helping your new landscape establish and thrive.

Watering Trees & Shrubs

Spring & Summer

- Check soil moisture **2–3 times per week** by pulling back the mulch and feeling the soil.
- If the soil is dry, water deeply:
    - **Trees:** Soak the root zone for approximately **15 minutes**.
    - **Shrubs:** Soak the root zone for approximately **5 minutes**.
- Adjust watering based on rainfall, temperatures, soil conditions, and plant size.

Fall & Winter

- **Deciduous trees and shrubs** (those that lose their leaves) need less water. If there is no significant rain or snow, water every **2–3 weeks**.
- **Evergreens** continue to need moisture throughout the winter. Water deeply every **2–3 weeks** during dry periods.

Watering New Sod

Keep new sod **consistently moist—like a wrung-out sponge—until it has rooted.**

- Water daily, or **twice daily during hot weather**, for approximately the first **2 weeks**.
- Continue watering until the sod is firmly rooted and cannot be easily lifted.
- Sod is typically ready to mow **4–6 weeks** after installation.
- Mow at a height of **3.5 inches or higher**.
- Once established, provide approximately **1 inch of water per week**.

Helpful Tips

- Sod next to sidewalks, driveways, and streets dries out much faster because of reflected heat.
- Check moisture daily and increase watering during periods of extreme heat, especially with tall fescue.

Watering New Seed & Straw Areas

Proper watering is critical for successful seed germination.

- Keep the seeded area **consistently damp**, but avoid puddles or runoff.
- Water **2–4 light applications per day** during warm weather to prevent the soil from drying out.
- Once the seed begins to germinate, gradually reduce watering frequency while increasing the amount of water applied each time.
- Continue watering regularly until the new grass has been mowed **2–3 times**.

- Leave the straw in place. It helps retain moisture, protects the seed, and will naturally break down over time.

Avoid heavy foot traffic on newly seeded areas until the grass is well established.

Warranty Information

Plant Warranty

Hackmann provides a **one-year warranty** on trees and shrubs we supply and install.

This warranty requires that plants receive reasonable care, including:

- Proper watering
- Pruning as needed
- Routine maintenance
- Protection from insects and disease when appropriate

The warranty covers **one replacement only**.

Hardscape Warranty

Hardscape workmanship is warranted for **three years** from the installation date.

This warranty does **not** cover settling caused by:

- New home construction
- Foundation over-digs
- Utility trenches
- Other ground movement beyond our control

Exclusions

The following are **not covered** under warranty:

- Sod
- Seed
- Annuals
- Perennials
- Transplanted plant material
- Damage caused by drought, flooding, severe weather, or other Acts of God
- Damage to asphalt or concrete from normal construction equipment and vehicle traffic

Failure to follow proper watering and maintenance practices or failure to pay the project invoice in full will void all warranties.

If a warranty claim is approved, Hackmann Lawn & Landscape may, at its discretion, repair, replace, or refund the affected work or plant material.