



“With your new planting finished, you can really **bring the garden to life...**

but it’s important to ensure your **plants will establish**, even in times of drought”



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### Tools you may require;

- hosepipe,
- sprinkler,
- watering can,
- water butt,
- diverter kit,

### Good tips...

Some plants consist of up to 90% water, so the need for consistent watering to maintain plant health is obvious!

When the quantity of water lost through it’s leaves exceeds the amount absorbed by its roots - the plant wilts. A lack of water can prove fatal.

In your new garden, watering is needed in the first year to establish healthy roots to cope with the following years.

In drought conditions it is important to give the plants a thorough soaking, to encourage the roots to grow deeply.



### Remember these 4 points;

1. Much of the Summer rainfall is lost through evaporation, therefore all newly planted gardens will need watering during their first year.
2. Consider your gardens individual climate - if you decide to plant against conditions in your garden, e.g. moisture loving plants in a dry plot, then you significantly increase your workload. Plants thrive on rain water, especially in hard water areas, so use a water butt to catch run-off from your roof.
3. Timing is important. The optimum time to water is early morning or late evening for 2 reasons...

@ Watering in the heat of the day will result in moisture being lost to evaporation, early morning or late evening watering allows the majority of the water to soak into the soil before the sun evaporates it.

@ Water left on the plant in direct sunlight can scorch the leaves - permanently damaging them.

4. Frequency of watering is the most difficult to get right. This must be learnt by observation of your garden, taking into account the state of the plant and leaves, and the condition of soil around each plant.

What is important when you water is the amount. Especially when watering pots, ensure the compost is thoroughly wetted, so it soaks through and drains out of the bottom.

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### You must also remember;

Mulching with gravel, slate, bark or compost helps with conserving moisture in the soil. Also, soil with a poor structure is less able to hold water, so improving by adding organic material such as well rotted manure or compost will help to hold moisture in the soil.