



GUIDE TO Successful Watering

Here's some helpful tips on watering to get your plants to flourish from your friends and neighbors at Eckert's Greenhouse.

When should you water?

The best time to water is in the morning, between 5am and 9am. This gives your plants enough moisture to stay hydrated through the hottest hours of the day. If it's an extra hot day, go ahead and water a bit between 4pm and 5pm. Evening watering is not good for plants, they don't like to sleep with wet roots.

Are you watering enough?

Watering daily isn't enough these days. On average a standard 11" hanging basket requires 24 - 32oz per day. While a 14" container requires 28 - 44oz per day.

With your garden bed you want to make sure you are concentrating on watering the root zone. For an annual their roots in the top 6" of soil and for perennials, shrubs and trees, it's the top 12".

You never want to water the foliage- focus the water at the base.

Don't forget to feed your plants!

We highly recommend fertilizing your plants once a week to give them that extra dose of nutrition. We carry Espoma organic fertilizers and Jack's Classic water-soluble fertilizers. Talk to one of our staff to find the right product for your plants. Morning is the best time to fertilize as well to allow your plants to drink slowly and not risking giving them a burn.

Checkout our other handouts with great tips like our 'Victory Garden 2.0' - all about the veggie garden.



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