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GENERAL PLANT CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Remember that plants are living and require special care. Once we have installed your landscape, you have the responsibility for the continued health and vigor of the planting. The following general instructions will help you to maintain and enjoy your investment. For additional information, call us anytime at 260-485-2683. Thank you for choosing Vision Scapes, Inc.

WATERING:

- **Check all plants weekly.** Check newly planted trees and shrubs every few days for the first two weeks. Annuals and Perennials more often, thereafter, every week to 10 days. Simply dig around the root zone with your fingers to a depth of 2-3" for small plants and 6-8" for larger ones and trees. Water generously when the soil feels dry to the touch.
- **Slow, deep watering is preferred.** This type of watering is accomplished by placing the hose at the base of a plant, at a heavy trickle, and water 5-10 minutes for small plants-longer for larger plants while moving the hose to a few locations around the plant.
- **When the soil feels moist, do not water.** Soil must be allowed to dry out between watering. If a plant is maintained in constantly moist soil, the plant's health will deteriorate over time. A plant weakened by over-watering may die of oxygen deprivation or become susceptible to pest and disease. For this reason, lawn irrigation systems if not designed correctly, can be hazardous to ornamental plantings.
- **Monitoring water requirements frequently is more important than watering frequently.** Monitor your plants' water requirements for at least the first two to three years. Plants close to buildings where heat may reflect and plants under roof eaves require closer monitoring. During the hot summer months and early fall disregard natural rainfall. Often rain received during these periods produces mostly runoff and contributes little, if any, to increasing ground moisture
- Maintain a 2-2 1/2" mulch layer to help conserve ground moisture, prevent weeds and retain moisture. Remember, excess amounts of mulch will result in poor air circulation and reduce plant vigor.

FERTILIZATION:

- **Vision Scapes Inc. fertilizes at planting so generally no fertilizer is necessary for the first year.** In subsequent years, we recommend using a balanced (i.e., 10-10-10, 14-14-14) plant food (preferably with micro nutrients). Be sure to follow the instructions on the label. If you have any questions on specific requirements, please call us.

PRUNING:

- **Pruning should be minimized for good plant health.** When planted and spaced according to its growth characteristics, a plant should require little pruning. However, you may remove dead or dying branches and crossed or rubbing branches any time of the year. When in doubt, call us.