## Watering Instructions Country Garden Center 410-838-9320

Please remember that plant roots need air as well as water to survive.

Always plant in well drained soil: water should drain out of a hole within 6 hours to be considered well drained. Over watering is just as detrimental to plants as under watering, and much harder to detect. Symptoms of over watering and poor drainage include a yellowed, wilted appearance and constantly wet soil surface. Once a plant's root system has been damaged by over watering, it will die quickly. A dry plant is much easier to recognize... the plant looks healthy, but appears droopy, and when watered, it recovers quickly.

The best watering practice is to water thoroughly at specific intervals, which allows time for excess water to drain away, but also leaves enough moisture in the soil until the next watering occurs.

## During Dry Weather Conditions - We Recommend

Evergreens: water once per day for the first 3 days, every 3 days for a month, and then every 4 to 5 days.

Annuals, Perennials, Leafy Shrubs and Trees: water once per day for the first 3 days, every other day for the next 2 weeks, and then cut back to 2 waterings per week.

\*Please note: Plants that will meed additional watering until they root in, and the wilting stops. You must determine the best interval, but NO MORE than once per day. Watering needs are reduced during rainy periods, so adjust your watering schedule accordingly.

## How Much Water?

Small plants and perennials - 2 gallons each watering

2' - 3' plants - 5 gallons each watering

Large shrubs and trees - 10-15 gallons each watering