

Watering Your Garden



How to manage your garden's water needs

- **TEST THE SOIL WITH YOUR FINGER. POKE DOWN A FEW INCHES NEAR THE STEM OF THE PLANT. A FINGER CAKED WITH MUD, MEANS WET SOIL.**
- **WATERING IN THE MORNING OFFERS YOUR PLANTS' LEAVES TIME TO DRY OFF, AVOIDS EVAPORATION, AND SUPPLIES FOR THE PLANTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**
- **WATER PLANTS AT THE BASE TO AVOID LEAF DAMAGE AND POTENTIAL DISEASES**
- **REMEMBER THAT CONTAINERS AND GROW BAGS DRY OUT FASTER AND WILL NEED MORE REGULAR WATERING.**

- **ADDING A 2- TO- 3 INCH LAYER OF MULCH CAN HELP TO KEEP MOISTURE IN AND REDUCE HOW OFTEN YOU NEED TO WATER.**
- **BROWN LEAF EDGES AND/OR YELLOW LEAVES CAN BE A SIGN OF OVERWATERING. MAKE SURE YOU'RE CHECKING YOUR GARDEN NEEDS BEFORE GRABBING THE HOSE.**
- **WATCH THE WEATHER! THE MORE WIND AND SUN EXPOSURE YOUR GARDEN EXPERIENCES, THE MORE WATERING IT WILL NEED.**