



KENNEDY'S COUNTRY GARDENS

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Maintenance Requirements:

Watering – Deeply water all newly installed plants every other day for the first week. Water 1-3 times weekly thereafter. Frequency depends on weather and soil conditions. For example in cooler rainier seasons, watering may only be necessary once per week. Water as much as every other day in hot, dry windy conditions. Most plants prefer at least 1" of water per week. Check your soil for moisture before watering. It is possible to over water, so if the soil is damp leave it alone and check it the next day. After the plants have established a strong root system and have gone through one full summer they depend less on you to water. However, it is important to watch the plantings for the first three years and water them during periods of drought. Try to never let them go more than a week to ten days without water or a soaking rain.

Fertilizing – In most situations, your newly planted plants were fertilized with a mild fertilizer, so it is not necessary to fertilize until the following spring. Kennedy's recommends fertilizing trees and shrubs every spring with one granular application of MNLA Plant-O-Ganic 8-8-8, Holly Tone or similar. Perennials should be fertilized the same way using MNLA Country Gardener 5-10-5, Plant Tone or similar. Annuals can be fertilized every two weeks with an organic liquid fertilizer.

Pruning – The general rule with flowering trees and shrubs is to prune (only when there is a need to control size or shape) within 2-3 weeks after the plant has flowered. This helps ensure you are not cutting off flower buds for the following season. Summer and fall flowering plants can often be pruned in early spring, because they produce buds in mid to late spring. Most evergreens and non-flowering plants can be pruned March through July. Try to avoid late summer/early fall pruning, in an effort to allow the successive new growth to "harden" before the cold of winter. Pruning evergreens in late fall and during winter is okay, but the plant is becoming dormant and it has less opportunity to "heal" the wounds of the cut.

Insect and disease – Notify Kennedy's of anything you may think is abnormal with your plants. We will help you diagnose any problems with your plants. Many insects and some diseases are easy to control with the correct information. Please bring us a sample of the problem as soon as you see a sign of the same.

For Kennedy's to honor our guarantee, we must be notified of any problems with your plants at the first appearance of the same.

Please call us if you have any further questions about your new plants and their care.

Thank you, we appreciate your business!