



## **HANSON'S GARDEN VILLAGE**

### **WATERING PRACTICES FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS**

In general restoration planting areas, Hanson's Garden Village requires (for plant warranty purposes) that all plants receive the equivalent irrigation of a 1 inch rainfall event per week – unless a 1 inch rainfall actually occurs. This can be accomplished on a once-a-week basis if the following conditions exist:

- Plants are mulched or there is an erosion blanket
- All plants receive roughly equal access to the water (no “shadows”)
- Plantings are on level areas, or on slopes under 12% grade

If above conditions do not exist, the watering needs to be increased to the equivalent of 2 inches of rain a week, applied in at least two separate operations. Split the watering into more than two applications per week if erosion on steep slopes is a concern. These enhanced watering schedules are also required for Envirolok bag installations, “soil lift” constructions, and on southeast to southwest facing areas, regardless of slope, with sandy soils that are less than 5% organic matter (whether the area is mulched or not).

Inches of water equivalents can be determined by catching irrigation water – as actually applied – in a low “dish pan,” at least 18” in diameter.

These watering practices apply from the time of planting to October 1st. If we experience a dry fall period, we highly recommend another “good soaking” just before the ground actually freezes up for the winter, or we get permanent snow cover. We recommend – and require for the enhanced watering schedule areas – that the appropriate watering schedules prevail over the second growing season.

NOTE: Specific instructions will be supplied for ball & burlap, wire-basket, or boxed trees

### **DEER AND OTHER HERBIVORE PROTECTION**

For plant warranty purposes, we require that fencing/physical exclusion practices be employed against common herbivores in the area. When fencing is not feasible we suggest scare/fright devices, or natural, or chemical repellents. We are not liable for plants that are destroyed by animal damage. Protection should stay in place for a minimum of two full growing seasons. We are not responsible for fire, wind or traffic-type damage. We are not responsible for insect/disease outbreaks that are occurring naturally in the area (or spreading from nearby landscapes or fields).