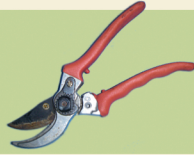


## Pruning

Prune only to remove any broken, dead or damaged branches. It is best to minimize pruning during planting.



## Mulching

Apply a 2" to 3" layer of **Coast of Maine™ Mulch** (Dark Bark, Hemlock, Natural Cedar, Pine & Spruce) around trees and shrubs and **Coast of Maine™ Enriching Mulch with Seaweed** around perennials and annuals. Organic mulch conserves soil moisture, reduces weeds, moderates soil temperature extremes, and provides a natural source of micro-nutrients as it decomposes. Avoid mulching against the trunk or stems of the plant.



## Watering

- Proper watering is critical to the survival of newly planted plants. Typically, rainfall and/or above-ground sprinkler systems will not provide adequate moisture for several growing seasons. A slow, gentle soaking of the root zone is preferable.
- For the first 3 months following planting, trees and shrubs should be adequately watered 2 to 3 times a week. Shrubs require more frequent waterings than trees. Less water may be required in areas with more shade while more may be required in sunny dry areas.
- After the initial 3 months, trees and shrubs may require additional water if rainfall is less than 1" per week. Watering requirements of perennials and annuals vary so greatly that we suggest monitoring them daily.
- Watering requirements will vary according to the plant species, site and soil conditions, and seasonal changes.



- Please monitor regularly for the first two growing seasons. Even a short period of excessive or lack of moisture in the root system may cause severe stress for the plant.

## Fertilizing

Fertilizing trees and shrubs during planting is not commonly suggested. However, after the first growing season we recommend using **Espoma® All Natural & Organic Tones**. For long-lasting results, annuals and perennials can be fertilized during the initial planting and routinely throughout the growing season. We recommend using **Proven Winners® Premium Continuous Release Plant Food** for your container gardens and planting beds and **Proven Winners® Premium Soluble Plant Food** for hanging baskets and container plantings. Use as directed.



## Winter Protection

Wildwood recommends the use of **Wilt-Pruf®** to protect broadleaf evergreens against the cold drying winds of winter. This organic anti-transpirant protects the foliage and health of plants when roots are frozen in the winter depriving them of their normal moisture intake. Use as directed.



## Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control

Wildwood recommends **Bonide® Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control** as the best means of protecting yourself against insect problems involving plant material. This product provides year-long insect control, including control on new growth. Use as directed.

This pamphlet is to serve as a summarized guide only. Please refer to our website for more detailed information concerning plant selection, planting procedures and care and maintenance issues for trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals.

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