

## **CARING FOR YOUR NEW PERENNIALS**

We hope you will enjoy your new perennials. Please follow the instructions below on how to care for them.

Please water your new perennials well after we've planted them. Water only when the plants need it. Let the plants dry out between watering (however, don't let them get bone-dry or wilted). Probe the soil and if it is dry in the top 4 to 5 inches, then it is time to water.

Remember, plants may show the same symptoms from being over-watered as from being underwatered (e.g., yellow leaves and/or wilting). There is no other way to determine when a plant needs water other than to monitor the soil moisture. Late evening or nighttime watering may encourage mildew and/or fungus. Water deeply - a general rule of thumb is to provide (from rainfall and irrigation combined) a 1 to 2 inch depth of water every week.

## **Perennial Fertilizing**

Most perennials do not require large amounts of fertilizing. In fact, many will respond to over-fertilization by becoming excessively tall and produce minimal or no flowers. If your soil is particularly poor you can follow fertilizer suggested feedings of every 60 – 90 days. Phlox, Daylilies, Daisies and Hibiscus can benefit from being fed every 45 to 60 days.

If Landcare is not hired to care for your garden, you need to consult your local nursery or look online for the specific pruning requirements for your new plants.