

CARING FOR YOUR SHRUBS

Please follow the watering instructions below to ensure that your new shrubs thrive.

Dry roots are the chief cause of planting failures. After receiving your new shrubs you should water as soon as possible. Watering should penetrate deep into the soil to encourage strong deep root development. Always check the soil before watering to make sure it is dry. The soil should not be spongy or soggy as **over-watering** can cause the plants roots to suffocate.

Place the hose at the base of the shrub and let soak (using a soft flow that doesn't create craters in the soil or run off) for 20 minutes.

Remember to water in the fall, before the ground freezes, is important for box, azalea, rhododendron, mountain laurel and broadleaf evergreen shrubs, whose leaves lose moisture in winter.

PRUNING:

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