

Watering Guidelines for Phoenix, AZ

These watering guidelines are designed for landscapes in Phoenix, AZ. Plants need less water during cool or rainy weather. Additional water is needed for new plants or during unusually hot or dry weather. Water to the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated.

Landscape Watering Guidelines

These guidelines are for established plants in Phoenix, AZ. Additional water is required for new plants and during unusually dry conditions.

Plant Type <i>Native & high water use plants in Phoenix, AZ</i>	Seasonal Frequency <i>shows days between watering</i>				Depth <i>how deep water needs to soak in</i>	
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter		
Trees	Native/desert adapted trees	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-60 days	24-36 inches
	High water use trees	7-12 days	7-10 days	7-12 days	14-30 days	24-36 inches
Shrubs	Native/desert adapted shrubs	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-45 days	18-24 inches
	High water use shrubs	7-10 days	2-7 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	18-24 inches
Ground Covers	Native/desert adapted plants	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	8-12 inches
	High water use ground covers	7-10 days	2-5 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	8-12 inches
Cacti and Succulents		21-45 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	only if needed	8-12 inches
Annuals		1-2 days	daily water	1-2 days	2-3 days	8-12 inches
Warm Season Grass		1-2 days	daily water	1-2 days	15-30 days	6-10 inches
Cool Season Grass		2-7 days	none	2-7 days	3-10 days	6-10 inches

The term "established" refers to the point at which a newly planted tree, shrub, accent, or ground cover begins to produce new growth. New growth appears as fresh foliage or new stems. Typically, a shrub will become well established after one year with a fully developed root system. Trees require up to three years to become fully established. New plantings need to be watered more frequently than established plants. The schedule below offers general watering guidelines to help new plants get established.

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