

Dear Valued Customer:

Congratulations on your new landscape!

We would like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to install your new landscape. As with all living things, there are some responsibilities that you have to insure that your plantings provide many years of enjoyment and continue to enhance the beauty of your property. Please take a moment to review these guidelines. If you have any questions, please call us.

New Sod: Your new sod needs to be kept wet everyday for the next 2 weeks. During this time, do not walk on the lawn! It will be mushy and you will leave footprints. If you must walk on it, use a board to distribute your weight. After the sod has rooted, (if you pull it up and it does not lift) allow the lawn to dry so it can be cut for the first time. The first cutting should be done with a sharp blade, at the mowers highest setting at about half to three-quarters speed. Always bag clippings for first 2-3 cuttings. Each week, you can lower the cutting height until you are cutting at 3" during the summer months. The lawn should be fertilized every 6-8 weeks and you should water the lawn once per week. For more detailed watering instructions, please refer to our FAQ page at www.shellyslandscape.com.

New plants: We watered all new plants upon installation. All new plants should be watered by hand with a hose-attached water wand. Larger plants should be watered with a ROSS Root-Feeder. This is a probe that goes into the rootball of the plant. It is your responsibility to water plants once per week for the first 4-5 weeks. Please note: Some plants will wilt, some plants will lose leaves, and some plants will show fall color. These are normal signs of adjustment. Do not assume plants need water if you see any of these signs. **ALWAYS** check the soil around the plants **BEFORE** watering! **If the soil is wet, do not water!** This may require you to move the mulch and poke a finger in the ground.

New seed: Please keep evenly moist. This will insure proper germination. If the seed is always allowed to dry out, it will take a lot longer to germinate. If kept evenly moist, you will begin to see germination in approximately 2 weeks. Try to keep activity on areas at a minimum and do not cut until seed is 3-4" in height. Do not apply any weed control until lawn has been cut at least three times.

Please note: The above instructions are to serve as recommended guidelines. Every site is different and all plants will react differently, even if they are the same variety. If you ever have a question, please contact us and we will be happy to evaluate and assist. **Remember, it is possible to kill plants with too much water. It is possible to destroy a lawn with too much water. Just because something does not look right, it does not mean it needs more water!**

We hope that you enjoy your new landscape. We enjoyed installing it for you! Please keep this letter as a reference. You can also answer many questions on our website.

Sincerely,
Shelly and Gary Dubofsky