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Care Guide

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General Plant Care Guide

Nurturing and Protecting Your Investment

Remember that plants are living and require special care. After careful design and installation of your landscape, you have the responsibility for the continued health and vigor of the planting. These general instructions will help you to maintain and enjoy your investment.

WATERING

Check all plants regularly. Check newly planted trees and shrubs every couple days for the first two weeks. Annuals and Perennials require daily monitoring for the first 10 days. A manual inspection with your hands, checking moisture level around the base of the plant, is preferred. Water if soil is dry.

Slow, deep watering is preferred. This type of watering is accomplished by placing the hose at the base of a plant, at a heavy trickle, and water 5-10 minutes for small plants - longer for larger plants while moving the hose in a few locations around the plant. Sprinklers can be used for larger areas. A slow, deep watering is necessary to completely saturate all roots.

If the soil is moist, do not water. Plants given too much water will become more susceptible to disease and pests. Adjust your irrigation system to allow for optimal water coverage**.**

Plant health is closely related to water requirements. Monitor your plants' water requirements for at least the first two to three years. Plants close to buildings where heat may reflect and plants under roof eaves require closer monitoring. The hottest part of the summer produces little beneficial rainfall; therefore, water the landscape as often as necessary, especially during June, July, August, and September.

Maintain a 2 1/2 inch mulch layer. Mulch helps conserve ground moisture, prevent weeds and protect the root zone. Remember, excessive mulch around root crown will result in poor air circulation and reduce plant vigor.

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FERTILIZATION

Timberline Landscapes fertilizes at planting so generally no fertilizer is necessary for the first year. In following years, we recommend using a balanced (i.e., 10-10-10 NPK) plant food (preferably with micro-nutrients). Spring is a great time to apply fertilizers for woody ornamentals. Be sure to follow the instructions on the label. If you have any questions on specific plant nutritional needs, give us a call.

PESTS

We use plant varieties that are disease and pest resistant whenever possible. As a secondary measure, we order from local nurseries that carry the hardiest plant material. This allows us to plant the freshest plant material in your landscape. If you suspect pests, apply an appropriate pesticide found at your local garden center. If you make it a practice to walk the landscape and be observant of your plants' appearance, you will locate trouble spots well in advance of any serious problems. Diseases and pests must be dealt with in a timely manner in order to assure the future health of the plant.

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PRUNING

Take extra care when pruning.
Most varieties of plants that we use require very little pruning. Native varieties, especially, require almost no maintenance. Cutting out dead or diseased branches is always a good idea. When in doubt, call us.

TIMBERCARE

A tailored maintenance program to meet individual homeowner's landscaping maintenance needs, TimberCare offers horticultural expertise, pest management expertise, fertilization and weed control using the latest methods and environmentally sound practices. By taking complete care of your landscape, you can relax and rest on Timberline Landscapes' professionalism, unique service and plant guarantees.

Call us at 314-646-0203 to set-up a consultation for TimberCare.

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Hopefully, these tips will enable you to minimize time and expense in caring for your new landscape. Remember to call us if you have any questions regarding the ongoing care of your planting. We also would like for you to keep us in mind if you wish to add or enhance your landscaping in the future.

Thanks from the Timberline Landscapes Team!

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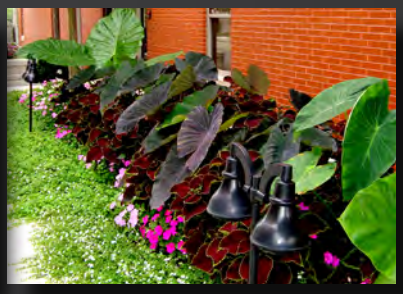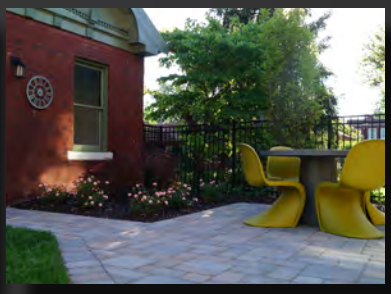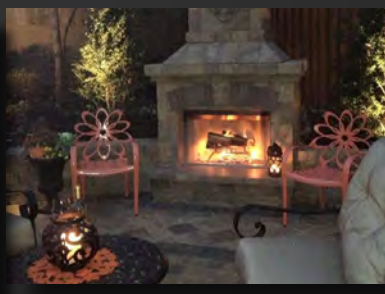
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