



## **Care of Newly Planted Nursery Stock**

Trees and shrubs that are just planted require some care. Dormant deciduous stock should be watered twice a week until they develop full-grown leaves, then watering should be cut back on a gradual basis to once a week, depending on soil types. Newly planted evergreens and potted deciduous plants should be watered twice a week for the first week, then cut back gradually as with deciduous stock. Water once a week all summer long as needed. In the months of September and October, you should water at least two or three times each month and once in November – temperature, wind and soil type being the deciding factors. This water should be carried out until freeze-up. **NEVER NEGLECT YOUR PLANTS BY LACK OF WATERING!!**

We suggest fertilizing your plants every year, even the first year. Nursery stock responds best to what is known as a complete fertilizer that has similar proportions of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash. You will know the strength of fertilizer by the numbers listed on the bag or bottle, and a good fertilizer to use is a 10-10-10 strength or something similar. Shade trees ten feet high, apple trees six to seven feet high, upright junipers four feet high, and shrubs need about one level cup of 10-10-10 fertilizer. Using a root feeder is one method that we recommend (we have them available at the store.) Never fertilize between July 15<sup>th</sup> and frost. It is important if you use a granular fertilizer that you **BROADCAST** it all around the plant, but do not get it on the foliage, as it may cause burning.

Some plants require spraying for insects or other pests and diseases, but if you have questions on these, we encourage you to call or visit us to find out what needs to be done to take care of the particular problem.

Be sure to protect newly planted trees and shrubs from dogs, as they can damage the plants and burn them with too much nitrogen. In the fall, be sure to wrap your fruit trees and shade trees and use plastic tree protectors to keep rodents from chewing on the bark.

As the trees and shrubs grow, in the second and third year, they may require some corrective pruning for shape. We recommend that they be trimmed with a sharp clipper or pruner in mid-June or early July, once or twice a year as required, but never after the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, unless you wait until after the first frost. We encourage you to trim and shape plants so they will always have a pleasing appearance. In trimming plants, the key to remember is to do it annually, rather than to wait until the plant is too large.

Please feel free to call Cashman Nursery in Bismarck, if you have any questions on the care of your newly planted trees and shrubs. We certainly want our nursery stock to compliment any yard in which they are planted. Thank you for choosing us as your supplier, and good luck in your growing efforts.

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