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GUIDELINES FOR IRRIGATION

A. AVERAGE DAY TEMPERATURES 80 DEGREES & ABOVE:

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| 1. INITIAL <u>7</u> DAY SOAK: | 2 TIMES: | 6 AM - 2 PM | *EVERY DAY |
| 2. AFTER INITIAL <u>7</u> DAY SOAK: | ONE TIME: | 6 AM | *EVERY OTHER DAY |

IMPORTANT:

WHEN AVERAGE DAY TEMPERATURES FALL BELOW 80 DEGREES REDUCE WATERING TO ONCE EVERY 3 DAYS.

B. AVERAGE DAY TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 60 DEGREES & 80 DEGREES:

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| 1. INITIAL <u>7</u> DAY SOAK: | 2 TIMES: | 6 AM - 2 PM | *EVERY DAY |
| 2. AFTER INITIAL <u>7</u> DAY SOAK: | ONE TIME: | 6 AM | *EVERY 3 DAYS |

C. AVERAGE DAY TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 60 DEGREES & BELOW:

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| 1. INITIAL <u>3</u> DAY SOAK: | 2 TIMES: | 9 AM - 2 PM | *EVERY DAY |
| 2. AFTER INITIAL <u>3</u> DAY SOAK: | ONE TIME: | 9 AM | *ONCE A WEEK |

IMPORTANT:

WHEN AVERAGE DAY TEMPERATURES FALL BELOW 50 DEGREES CALL TO SCHEDULE A WINTERIZATION SERVICE FOR YOUR SYSTEM.

***Watering Note:**

These guidelines refer to the number of times to set the irrigation system to cycle. The run time for each zone may need some adjustment from area to area within your landscape. A simple way to monitor the effective duration to run each zone for a given area is to run it manually for as long as possible before flooding or run-off occurs. Make note of the duration for that zone and program the irrigation for that period of time according to your irrigation schedule.

Because exposures (sun, wind, shade etc.) can vary it is important to monitor the watering and make adjustments to your irrigation schedule from area to area within your landscape. After the initial soaking, it is best to water thoroughly, but as infrequently as possible. In Tidewater we see much more plant death occurring the first year due to over watering than under watering. This is because of our clay soils and poor drainage. If plantings are continually irrigated without monitoring the roots can rot from sitting in water for long periods of time, causing decline and plant loss.