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TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS

Here are couple of TIPS that will get you off to a good start with your new plant purchases from MVG.

UPON ARRIVAL AT YOUR HOME

Most of the plants you have purchased will be “root bound” if they were grown in a container. They are mature plants and need their watering demands maintained by planting immediately or watering 2 times daily when temps are above 75° F. Once planted be sure to check the moisture in the ROOT BALL (not the soil around the plant).

There is a situation that occurs with newly planted plants call “Wicking”. Wicking occurs before the newly plant tree or shrub has roots from the root system out into the new backfill you have provided. Since the newly planted tree or shrub does not have roots out into the new soil, the surrounding soil “wicks” the moisture out of the root ball. This can cause the plant to dry out and even die despite the fact that the soil around it is damp.

It will take a month or two to get adequate new roots into the surrounding soil to keep the plant growing. Restricting water at transplant time can greatly slow the development of the plant. Your new plant will appreciate it if you check the moisture in the root ball to be sure it isn't drying out during this period.