



# LEVEL GREEN LANDSCAPING

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# Newsletter

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## Watering Techniques



While summer is drawing to a close, it is important to remember that plants need water even as the temperatures drop. As a general rule, watering is more productive when it is done less frequently in heavier amounts. This encourages deep root growth where the soil remains damp for a longer period of time. Frequent, low-volume watering encourages shallow root growth which causes plant material to be more susceptible to drought.

If you have had a new plant installation on your property, there is even more cause for concern. These plants have not established a strong root system into the existing soil. If you see leaves begin to wilt, more often than not, the plant needs water immediately. Hand watering with a hose is the most effective way to water new plant material. To determine if enough water has been applied, dig down through the mulch and the top six inches of soil to check for moisture. A common mistake is to just water enough to soak the mulch, but not penetrate the soil. This shallow watering will provide no benefit to the plant roots and eventually evaporate away. A good rule of thumb is when temperatures are 90+ and you think you've watered enough, add more.

## Services

- Landscape Management
- Landscape Installation
- Enhancement Services
- Seasonal Rotations
- Design Services
- Snow Removal



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## Gardening Tip:

To encourage the rooting of cuttings add a pinch of sugar to the water



## Hardscapes

Do you have an area on your property that is worn from foot traffic or where the soil is beginning to erode and washing out onto your sidewalks and parking lots? Are there areas where a retaining wall is needed? Why not install a paver, brick, or concrete walkway or a retaining wall, ? Our staff is willing to provide estimates for these trouble areas. Within the company we have paver and retaining wall certified installers that will provide a quality product that will solve the problems on your site. Please contact Level Green and we will assess your hardscaping needs.

## Benefits of Soil Testing

Level Green is taking soil samples from properties in various locations to determine the soil's immediate and future needs. We collect these samples and send them to a regional lab that conducts tests to determine the soil's PH level, along with the Nitrogen, Potassium and Phosphorous content. This is mandated by law in some states to prevent over fertilization which can adversely affect our natural waterways, like the Chesapeake Bay.

Once we receive your soil analysis we will determine your landscape's needs. The goal is to use optimum amounts of fertilizer (Nitrogen, Potassium, Phosphorous) and achieve appropriate PH levels (lime) to reduce excessive applications, ultimately reducing our impact on the environment. If you would like your results emailed to you, please contact Level Green and we can forward the report to you.

