

CARE INFORMATION

WATERING

How to water your new hedge



FOLLOW THE **GOLDEN RULES**
OF WATERING IN THE YEAR OF
PLANTING TO ALLOW YOUR
HEDGE TO FLOURISH



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Container grown plants can be planted all year round and will establish quicker than field grown plants (i.e. bare root or root balled plants).

If you plant between Autumn and Spring, watering will most probably not be such an issue.

If you plant during the rest of the year, watering will be key to the successful establishment of your hedge and you will need to follow our basic rules of watering for the first growing season.

Remember that your hedge is a living product and it needs water to survive. Failing to water your hedge will result in restricted growth and can even cause it to die. Watering is dependent on your soil conditions and on the weather.

If you are in any doubt about whether a particular variety of plant is suitable for your ground conditions, speak to us and we will happily advise you.

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GROWING SEASON:

A growing season is the period between Spring and Autumn when your hedging plants are actively growing. The timing of the start and end of the season will vary between varieties and is dependant on the weather.

GOLDEN RULE

1

USE 'LEAKY HOSE' TO WATER YOUR HEDGE

DO NOT water by hand with your thumb over the end of a hose pipe or with a watering can. The ground is like a sponge and in reality all you are doing is wetting the first inch of the surface and the rest will run off. Meanwhile, most of the roots of your new hedge will become increasingly dry and your hedge will look sad and won't grow.

It could even die during a dry spell.

Leaky Hose is cheap, easy to use, water efficient and very effective. It connects to a normal hose pipe and can be laid at the base of the hedge or weaved between the stems of the plants and left there for the duration of the first growing season. When switched on, it will slowly drip water from the surface of the pipe which will soak into the ground slowly and more effectively to reach the roots of your hedge.

TIP

Leaky Hose has a rough surface so if weaving between plants, be careful not to damage the bark of your plants.

GOLDEN RULE

#2

WATER ADEQUATELY

A hedge needs to be watered adequately to ensure that the water soaks to the bottom of the roots, after all it is the roots of your hedge that need the water. Leaky Hose is the best way to achieve this and it should be switched on for a duration of 2-4 hours at a time to allow the water to permeate through the ground properly and reach the roots.

Leaky Hose is highly efficient and switching on for this length of time will not use substantial amounts of water as it is being applied at a very low and slow rate. It does, however, mean that all of the water being applied is getting to exactly where it needs to be and not being wasted. If you imagine turning a tap on and running it over a dried out sponge, most of the water will run off, whereas if you drip the water on to the sponge one drip at a time, it will soak in properly and the sponge will absorb an awful lot more water. This is the principle of watering adequately.



You can purchase Leaky Hose from us. Buy online at www.hedgesonline.com or call us on 01252 714552

GOLDEN RULE

#3

WATER REGULARLY

Do water your hedge regularly during the first growing season after planting. After planting your new hedge, we recommend that it is given a good watering using Leaky Hose for at least 2-4 hours.

During the summer, this needs to be repeated (depending on variety and soil moisture) probably once a week and if it is exceptionally hot and dry during the summer, maybe even twice or three times a week.

In it's second growing season after planting, the roots of your new hedge should be established enough to find their own water in the ground, however, it is not uncommon to need to water your hedge in its second growing season if we have prolonged dry spells of weather, or if your soil is particularly susceptible to drying out.

TIP

Remember that it is possible to over-water a hedge. Some varieties (for example Yew and Laurel) are especially prone to suffering if being sat in waterlogged or over-wet soil. If in doubt, check your soil type and moisture before planting to choose a suitable plant for your ground.



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