

Landscape Watering



Dear Mews Residents,

Pending any restrictions placed on out door watering by Arlington County, we ask that you help save our landscape with selective watering.

If you have landscape materials planted within the last two years near your residence or any landscape materials which show signs of heat/ drought distress, e.g. wilting and dropping leaves, please soak them to keep them alive until we get rain.

Large, established trees should be OK unless the drought becomes more severe.

The grass will turn brown and go dormant, but it will come back with cooler temperatures and rain, so watering turf is a waste of water which will be more beneficial when applied to the shrubs.

Most evergreens – yews, hollies and euonymus – can withstand the drought unless recently installed. Azaleas are shallow rooted shrubs and need water now if showing signs of distress.

It is important to soak the plants by running the hose at a trickle for 20 – 30 minutes so the water is concentrated at the root area and soaks in without running off. Pouring 5 gallons of water slowly around the shrub will also help. Twice a week applications should keep the plants in survival mode until some substantial rains arrive.

It is best to water in the morning or late evening to conserve water and to best benefit the plants. Avoid wetting the leaves. The general rule of thumb is that unless we have one inch of rain a week, landscape materials need a good soaking with a hose!

!! CAUTION !!

Please be careful not to water too close to the foundation of your unit and run the risk of having water penetrate the walls.

Also do not leave a hose unattended or on all night and run the risk of flooding yours or your neighbor's unit.!

Thanks for your help.

