## Watering

When watering shrubs or trees, turn the hose to slow trickle so the water is approximately the width of a finger. Place the open end of the hose at the base of the plant and let it soak. Plants should be soaked/watered according to the following:

- Perennials: 2-5 minutes;
- Shrubs : 15-20 minutes;
- Potted Trees: 30-45 minutes;
- B\&B Trees \& Evergreens: soak until root ball is saturated. For the first year, water 2 times a week at the rate of 1.5 gallons per caliper inch, without regard to weather predictions.
Slow release watering technology (ex: GatorBags) are a proven successful method for helping monitor and establish water at a desirable, soaking rate. This is not a "hands-off" approach, but will reduce time and is an environmentally friendly approach, as it typically wastes less water due to runoff like a running hose.

