



## STEP 2

### MAINTENANCE

# Watering

When native plants have been properly sited to their preferred environmental conditions within your yard, they shouldn't require supplemental water once established.

## Tips

1. For the first growing season, keep the soil moist.
2. Ensure that plants are watered well going into the winter.
3. When watering, do so less often and more deeply. This will make the plants develop a deeper root system, which in turn makes them more resilient. This applies to lawns as well.
4. Water the soil around the plantings, not the whole bed, as watering empty spaces makes it more appealing for weeds.
5. Use water collected in [rain barrels](#) to water plants to reduce household water use. Be sure to avoid overflowing of barrels as water pooling by the house creates issues.

