

Rosewood Garden Designs

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Summer in the Garden

With the summer heat upon us, and water an increasingly scarce resource, it is more important than ever to water properly.

When it comes to watering, less is more!

Water less frequently, but more deeply. The reason for this is that by allowing the water to penetrate the soil slowly and deeply, you encourage the roots to grow further into the soil in search of water. The soil near the surface dries out quicker, and suffers more fluctuations in temperature, more easily stressing the plants with shallow root systems.

It is also best to water early in the morning. This way you lose less water to heat and wind evaporation, but even more importantly, you reduce the risk of fungus and water borne plant diseases.

If possible, we suggest using drip tubing in planting beds. By delivering water in a slow steady drip right to the root zone, you eliminate evaporation, reduce disease and water only the plants you want, not the weeds! You can customize the drip by using different sizes and quantities of emitters, so you don't over or under water plants that have different needs.

The exception to all this is container gardens, which often need watering in the middle of the day, especially in full sun. One thing we use is a battery operated timer attached to a faucet to control a small drip system. The timers are usually available at any hardware store, and can be programmed to run in short bursts every few hours or longer as needed.

Thank you
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