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African Iris 2' tall Low water, full sun to part shade.



Aztec Grass (Var. Liriope) 12"-24" tall Dense shade to full sun, low water.



Blue Daze 12" tall Medium water, light shade to full sun.



Blue Flax Lily 3' tall Part shade, moist soil.



Dwarf Crown of Thorns 18"-24" tall Full sun, low water.



Foxtail Fern 12"-18" tall Part shade to full sun, low water.





Gold Mound Duranta 2' tall Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Lantana Yellow 8"-12" tall Full sun, medium water.



Jasmine 'Minima' 8" tall Full sun, likes moisture.



Lily of the Nile 18"-24" tall Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Lantana Purple 8"-12" tall Full sun, medium water.



Lily of the Nile flower





Liriope 'Evergreen Giant' 12"-24" tall Dense shade to full sun, low water.



Purple Queen 6"-12" tall Light shade to full sun, low water.



Society Garlic 18"-24" tall Full sun, low water.

Overwatering is the biggest error gardeners commit in Florida. This common practice shortens a plant's life, causes disease and increases the plant's maintenance requirements.

Easy Gardens for South Florida by Pamela Crawford

These recommended water requirements are based on established land-scape plants. Follow the watering recommendations for establishment, then follow the water recommendation for the plant.



Watering Guidelines During Establishment

Recently planted shrubs and groundcovers need frequent, deep watering to establish their roots. The watering schedule depends on the plant's environment. Shade gardens require half the water of sun gardens. Windy gardens require more water than calm gardens. Plants require twice as much water in summer heat than in winter cool. This can be very confusing, but getting your plants properly established in the landscape can be very important in the success of their growth. It takes about one inch of water to soak the soil to a depth of one foot. The schedule for watering varies depending on the conditions and the time of year. Here is a general guideline for watering during establishment:

First month — every day
Second month — every other day
Third month through sixth month — twice a week

These are general guidelines as plants may need more watering during a hot day/no rain versus a cool day/recent rain. It takes approximately 3 to 6 months for a one-gallon plant to get established and 6 to 12 months for a three-gallon plant.

Resource: Easy Gardens for South Florida by Pamela Crawford

Trees are a different story. Recently transplanted trees and shrubs survive best and establish most quickly with light, frequent irrigation. The recommended guidelines for tree establishment are as follows:

- 2" caliper & less: Daily for 2 weeks; every other day for 2 months; weekly until established.
- 2 -4" caliper: Daily for 1 month; every other day for 3 months; weekly until established.
- 4" caliper & more: Daily for 6 weeks; every other day for 5 months; weekly until established.

Trees provided with regular irrigation through the first growing season after transplanting require approximately three months per inch of trunk diameter to fully establish roots in the soil. During the establishment period, shoots and trunk grow slower than they did before transplanting. When their growth rates become more or less consistent from one year to the next, the tree is considered established. Resource: University of Florida Environmental Horticulture Department

Plants properly weaned off water are much more able to withstand drought conditions than plants that are habitually overwatered.







Allamanda 4'-5' tall Medium water, part shade to full sun (for more blooms).



Bird of Paradise 4' tall Medium water, full sun to part shade, acid soil.



Bougainvillea 'Helen Johnson' 2' tall Full sun, low water, good drainage.



Bougainvillea 'New River' 5' tall and up Full sun, low water, good drainage.



Coontie 2'-4' tall Low water, full sun to part shade, native.



Croton 'Mammy' 2'-3' tall Part shade to full sun, low water.





Croton 'Petra' 3'-4' tall Low water, part shade to full sun (fades in full sun).



Fakahatchee Grass 2'-3' tall Moist soil, part shade to full sun (pond banks).



Dracaena 'Red Edged' 5'-6' tall Part shade to full sun, low water.



Firebush Dwarf 4'-5' tall Drought tolerant, full sun to shade, attracts butterflies.



Eugenia 4'-6' tall, maintained as hedge. Part shade to full sun, low water.



Fountain Grass Red 3'-4' tall Full sun, low water.





Fountain Grass White 3'-4' tall Full sun, low water.



Green Island Ficus 2 1/2" - 3' tall Part shade to full sun, low water.



Hawaiian Ti 'Red Sisters' 4' tall Medium shade, medium water.



Hibiscus 4'-5' tall Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Hibiscus Standard 6'-8' tall Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Indian Hawthorne 2 1/2'-3' tall Part shade to full sun, low water.





Ixora 'Nora Grant' Maintain 3'-4' tall for best blooming. Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Ixora 'Nora Grant' flower



Ixora Maui Red Maintain 3'-4' tall for best blooming. Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Ixora 'Petite Red' Dwarf 2 –2 1/2' tall Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Jasmine 'Lakeview' Use as a shrub or small tree. Maintain shrub at 3'-4' tall (good for hedges). Light shade to full sun, low water.





Plumbago Maintain 3'-4' tall. Light shade to full sun, low water.



Podocarpus Easy to maintain at different hedge heights. Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Schefflera 'Trinette' Maintain 2'-3' tall. Dense shade to full sun, low water.



Silver Buttonwood Hedge 3'-4'; accent 5'-6'. Full sun, low water, native.



'Stokes' Dwarf Holly 2'-3' tall Full sun or light shade, low water.



Sweet Viburnum Maintain as a hedge 3'-4' tall. Full sun to light shade, low water.





Jatropha large shrub or small 8'-10' tree. Light shade to full sun (blooms best). Low water, attracts butterflies.



Muhly Grass 3'-5' tall Full sun, tolerates drought and poor drainage. Showy in fall. Native.



Jatropha makes a nice accent tree at 8'-10' tall. Blooms year round.



Philodendron 'Xanadu' 3' to 4' tall Medium shade to full sun, low water.



Mexican Petunia Maintain at 3' tall. Light shade to full sun, medium water.



Philodendron Selloum 6'-8' tall Full sun to full shade, low water.





Thryallis Maintain at 4'-6' tall. Full sun to light shade, medium water.



Variegated Pittosporum 3'-4' hedge Full sun to light shade, low water. Should be hand pruned.



Viburnum suspensum 3'-4' tall maintained as hedge. Medium shade to full sun, low water.



Walter's Viburnum 'Mrs. Schillers Delight' 3' tall, full sun to partial shade, moist soil.



White Bird of Paradise 10'-15' tall Full sun to medium shade, low water.





Cabbage Palm 30'-40' tall Full sun, low water, slow growth, native.



Canary Island Date Palm 40' tall Full sun, low water, slow growth.



Cardboard Palm 4'-5' tall Medium shade to full sun, low water, slow growth.



Chinese Fan Palm 25'-30' tall Medium shade to full sun, low water, slow growth.



Christmas Palm 15' tall
Medium shade to full sun, medium
water, moderate growth.



Coconut Palm 30' tall and higher Full sun, low water, moderate growth.





Foxtail Palm 30' tall Light shade to full sun, medium water, fast growth.



Phoenix 'Medjool' 70' tall Full sun, low water, slow growth.



Pygmy Date Palm 10'-12' tall Medium shade to full sun, low water, slow growth.



Queen Palm 30-40' tall Light shade to full sun, low water, fast growth.



Phoenix reclinata 25'-30' tall Full sun, low water, moderate growth.



Royal Palm 50'-60' tall Full sun, medium water, moderate growth.



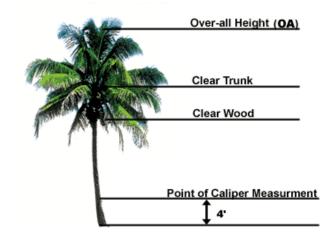


Wild Date Palm (Phoenix sylvester) 30' tall Full sun, low water, slow growth.



Windmill Palm 20' tall Full sun to light shade, low water, slow growth.

Cocos Nucifera







Black Olive 'Shady Lady' 25' tall Full sun, low water.



Cattley Guava 10'-15' tall Gray/brown bark, full sun to part shade, low water, messy but edible fruit.



Crepe Myrtle 15'-25' tall Full sun, low water, summer flowers, deciduous.



Desert Cassia 8'-10' tall Full sun to light shade, low water, winter flowers.



Glaucous Cassia 10'-15' tall Full sun to light shade, low water, winter flowers.



'East Palatka' Holly 30'-35' tall Full sun to light shade, low water, red berries.





'Nellie Stevens' Holly 20'-30' tall Full sun to light shade, low water.



Ligustrum 15'-20' tall Full sun to light shade, medium water.



Live Oak 40'-50' tall Full sun to light shade, low water, partially deciduous.



Mahogany 30' tall and higher Full sun, low water, native.



Red Maple 70' tall Full sun, adaptable to wetlands and dry environments. May show color during cold winters. Native and deciduous.





Silver Buttonwood 15'-20' tall Full sun, low water, native.



Southern Magnolia 50' tall and higher Full sun or light shade, moderate water, native. Smaller varieties available.



Late Spring, Early Summer: Warm Season Annuals



Coleus Partial shade, medium salt tolerance. Plant March through September; space 1 to 2 feet apart.



Crossandra Full sun to partial shade. Plant March through September; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Portulaca (Moss Rose) Full sun, high salt tolerance. Plant March through May; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Summer: Warm Season Annuals



Caladium Medium shade to full sun. Plant March through August; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Purslane Full sun, high salt tolerance. Plant May through November; space 10 to 12 inches apart.



Penta Light shade to full sun. Plant March through September; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Salvia Full sun to partial shade, medium salt tolerance. Plant February through November; space 8 to 12 inches apart.



Summer: Warm Season Annuals



Torenia Medium shade to full sun, medium salt tolerance. Plant April through September; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Fall, Winter, Early Spring: Cool Season Annuals



Alyssum Full sun to partial shade. Plant October through February; space 6 to 12 inches apart.



Dusty Miller Full sun to partial shade, salt tolerant. Plant October through March; space 6 to 12 inches apart.



Begonia Full sun to partial shade, medium salt tolerance. Plant October through March; space 6 to 12 inches apart.



Geranium Full sun to partial shade, high salt tolerance. Plant October through March; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Fall, Winter, Early Spring: Cool Season Annuals



Impatiens Medium shade to full sun, medium salt tolerance. Plant October through February; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Marigold Full sun, medium salt tolerance. Plant October through March; space 1 to 1.5 feet apart.



Lobelia Full sun to partial shade. Plant October through February; space 6 to 12 inches apart.



Pansy Light shade to full sun, medium salt tolerance. Plant November through December; space 6 to 12 inches apart.



Fall, Winter, Early Spring: Cool Season Annuals



Petunia Full sun to partial shade, high salt tolerance. Plant November through February; space 6 to 12 inches apart.



Snapdragon Full sun to partial shade, medium salt tolerance. Plant November through February; space 6 to 12 inches apart.

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