

Irrigating Plants

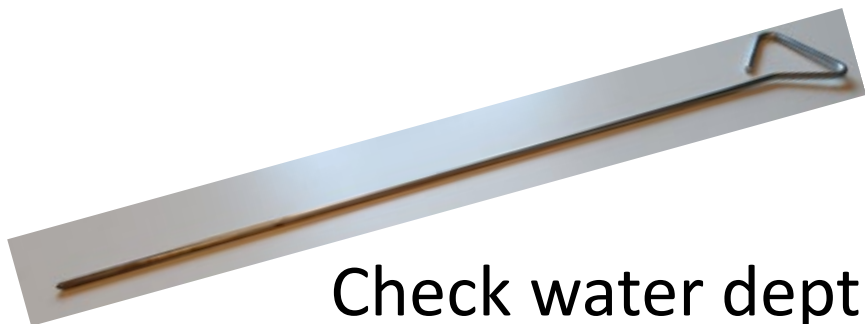


1, 2, 3 Rule

Plant Size	Next Irrigation when soil dries to a depth of:	Irrigate to a depth of:
Up to knee high (annual, perennial)	1 inch	1 foot
From knee high to a little above head (shrub)	2 inches	2 feet
Trees	3 inches	3 feet (most tree roots are within top 3' of soil; watering deeper will not cause roots to grow deeper)

How fast the water drains depends on soil type. Clay soil holds more water than sandy soil. Sandy soil needs to be watered more often than clay soil.

The tree roots needing water are at the dripline & beyond. The amount of water depends on soil type.



Check water depth with metal probe; it will go down easily in wet soil.