Watering to Establish Shrubs

Today on Gardening in a Minute: watering to establish shrubs.

When adding a new shrub to your landscape, you should let the plant adjust to its new surroundings and help it along with these watering guidelines.

Three-gallon shrubs can be established in northern Florida with as little as one gallon of irrigation water applied every eight days. In southern Florida, apply a gallon of water every four days. Light, frequent applications are much more efficient and effective than applying large volumes less frequently.

Shrubs are able to survive and grow with little or no irrigation once roots grow to the outer edge of the canopy which happens at about 20 to 28 weeks after planting.

Once shrubs are established, they should survive on rainfall alone unless an extended dry period occurs.

For more information about shrubs and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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