

Your Palm's First 8 Months

Watering, feeding, pruning, cold protection, and warning signs

PALM / SIZE: _____

INSTALLED: _____

CREW: _____

FIRST RULE: WATER THE ROOT BALL, NOT THE LAWN.

Use a slow, deep soak inside the soil basin. Rain counts. Keep the root ball evenly moist - never bone-dry and never standing in water.

The establishment schedule

Adjust for soaking rain, drainage, weather, soil, and local restrictions.

01 INSTALL DAY

Deep-soak the full root ball. Make sure water drains and does not stay pooled.

02 DAYS 1-21

Water daily unless there is a soaking rain. Check moisture first in cool or wet weather.

03 WEEKS 4-8

Water about every other day. Sand, heat, and wind may require closer attention.

04 MONTHS 3-8

Water frequently in dry weather, then taper as the palm holds moisture and grows.

Water it right

DO

- Run a hose slowly inside the basin so water reaches the entire root ball.
- Check moisture 3-4 inches down before adding more water.
- Count a soaking rain as a watering day.
- Call us if the root ball shifts or the palm begins to lean.

DO NOT

- Let the root ball completely dry out during establishment.
- Leave the palm in soggy soil or standing water.
- Wet the crown or trunk, or pile mulch against the trunk.

FERTILIZER: WAIT ABOUT 3-4 MONTHS

Unless we give you a different plan, use controlled-release 8-2-12-4Mg or 8-0-12-4Mg with micronutrients. Keep it off the trunk and follow the label.

Protect healthy growth

PRUNING

- Remove only fully dead, brown fronds or a documented hazard.
- Never remove healthy green fronds or hurricane-cut the palm.
- Do not cut or damage the center spear, crown, or trunk.

COLD NIGHTS

- If soil is dry, water the root zone before a forecast freeze.
- Cover cold-sensitive palms to the ground with breathable frost cloth.
- Wait until freeze danger passes before removing damaged foliage.

CALL US PROMPTLY IF:

The center spear pulls loose, the crown collapses, the trunk moves, water stays pooled, the root zone smells sour, or new leaves rapidly yellow, crumple, spot, or fail to open.

EXTRA COLD PROTECTION NEAR THEIR ZONE LIMITS

Foxtail, Christmas, Roebelenii, Areca, Bismarck, and Royal palms are more cold-sensitive. Sylvester, Canary Island, and Roebelenii frond bases may have sharp spines.



QUESTIONS OR SOMETHING DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT?

Send a photo before changing the care plan.

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Scan for the online care guide and species information.