

# Water

**Just like humans, plants need water to survive.** Plants get water from rain or from us watering them. It's important to think about where you will get water from to water your plants.

## **Water sources:**

- Your house using a watering can
- An outdoor hose with a spray nozzle
- A rain barrel (Information about building one at [bit.ly/3I0phDo](https://bit.ly/3I0phDo) or scan the QR code)
  - Please Note: We do not recommend watering produce with rain barrel water without purifying.



## **How much water do my plants need?**

Check your seed packets or research online to learn how much water your plants need. Fabric grow bags and containers dry out more quickly than raised beds.

## **How do I water my plants?**

**Water is a finite resource** which means that we could run out of it some day. Because of this, it's important that we conserve or use as little water as we can when watering our plants.

- **Water your plants each morning before it gets too hot.**
- **Before watering, feel the soil below the surface to see if it feels damp (stick your finger in up to the first joint). You also don't need to water your plants if it has just rained or is going to rain.**
- **Water your plants slowly, making sure the water doesn't flow over the sides of the container. Stop watering once you see water flow out of the bottom of the container.**

Always water at the base of the plant and try to not get the leaves wet. Wet leaves attract pests and can cause diseases.