

Caring for your Moss Rocks!™

- Deep watering once a week is a good rule of thumb for watering your Moss Rocks!

It is better to water less frequently than it is to water too often. Dicranum mosses prefer to dry out before being given a deep watering again. *The Pebble (small) size will dry out faster than either the Cobble or Boulder sizes and therefore should be watered with more frequency.*

- Use collected Rainwater or a high quality water source.
 - Mosses exist on water and sunlight. Since moss does not derive nutrients from soil, the quality of the water is important. Rainwater should be collected in plastic containers and not metal containers. You will need very little volume of water to satisfy the watering requirements of your Moss Rocks!™. One gallon of collected rainwater is enough to water a Boulder size Moss Rocks! for 6 months. Reverse osmosis filtered water is a good alternative to rainwater. Aquafina and Dasani are two nationally available brands of bottled water that are reverse osmosis filtered. Regular bottled water, distilled water and aged tap water are also sufficient to use.
 - CAUTION: Not all water is safe for moss. Well water may contain sulfur or concentrations of other chemicals that will damage moss. Water that has been in prolonged contact with zinc (galvanized) metals or copper may also damage your moss.
 - If your water softening system utilizes salt, it may damage the moss.
- Water Your Moss Rocks! in the morning.
 - Mosses only perform photosynthesis when they are moist and have light. Watering at night does not allow for this energy producing process to occur.
- Dicranum mosses are extremely drought tolerant for an extended period of time.
 - This means they can easily go for a month without water but should be provided water on a weekly schedule after that extended period of dryness. In other words; do not water your Moss Rocks! once every month as a regular watering schedule.
- Provide Bright Indirect Light.
 - Dicranum mosses are shade plants, however they still need sunlight even if it is indirect. Early morning and late afternoon sun are fine for Dicranum moss, however you should *avoid direct sunlight between noon and 4pm.*
- The simplest way to water your Moss Rocks! is by using our watering system ([now available in our online store](#))

Our **Moss Stream** deep watering bottle produces a very fine constant stream that allows water to easily penetrate the tightly packed leaves of the moss colony. The Moss Stream makes it very easy to control the volume of water delivered.

Our **Moss Rain Shower** ultra fine misting sprayer is the perfect tool to use between deep waterings. Pre-wetting your moss by misting the leaf tips using the Moss Rain Shower prior to using the Moss Stream deep watering bottle will aid in filling the eco-reservoir below the moss colony without spillage. The eco-reservoir holds enough water to hydrate the Dicranum mosses for a period of 24 to 36 hours.

- Eco-Reservoir Capacities

Boulder approximately 2.5 ounces (75 ml.)

Cobble approximately 1 ounce (30 ml).

Pebble approximately ¼ ounce (7.5 ml.)

*A Boulder will hold a **total** of about 5 ounces of water when the reservoir is full and the moss is fully hydrated, a Cobble about 2 ounces, and a Pebble about ½ ounce.*

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