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The Art of Garden Hydration: Watering Your Plants with Precision

Short Answer Key

1. Soil type can be determined through a simple soil test or by observing how quickly water drains. It is important because different soil types have varying water retention capacities, which impact watering needs.
2. Newly planted seeds and seedlings should be watered gently every 2-3 days to keep the soil consistently moist, encouraging root development.
3. Shallow watering is discouraged because it promotes shallow root growth, making plants more vulnerable to drought.
4. Visual clues include wilting leaves, drooping stems, and dry soil at a depth of about 2 inches.
5. Mulch helps conserve soil moisture by reducing evaporation, regulating soil temperature, and preventing weeds that compete for water.

