



# ask the landscape professional

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### Welcome to my weekly series!

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**Question #1 this Week:** *Several plants that were planted earlier this season are struggling. There are a lot of bare branches and black leaf tips. We have been diligent about watering. Any suggestions?* — Bob, Mystic

**Linda's Answer:** The plants are not getting enough water! Deep watering means holding hose around base of plant until it puddles around plant. Move to next plant and do the same thing. Go back to first plant and repeat. Allow water to puddle around each plant four times. This needs to be done three times per week during hot weather. The plants are definitely dry and dying.



**Question #2 this Week:** *Something is happening to my ground cover. This took me several years to fill in and now it's dying. Help!* — Wendy

**Linda's Answer:** My sense is that part of your Woolly Thyme patch had a 'melt-down' from the high humidity and hot temperatures we experienced over the last month or so. Just cut out the dead area—actually cut back into the live part of the plant which will stimulate new shoots to grow and in no time the plant will fill in the open spaces.



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