

Lawn-Watering Guide

This [Lawn-Watering Guide](#) was developed to assist you in managing your irrigation system throughout the growing season. The guide provides recommended run times for each month, with water applied every other morning. Be sure to adjust your schedule each month as the weather and plant water needs change.

To get started, simply refer to the current month, and identify your climatic zone and the type of sprinklers used to irrigate your lawn. Make adjustments to account for site conditions such as soil type, wind, exposure, as well as the uniformity of your irrigation system.

In addition, follow these water-wise tips to maximize your irrigation efficiency, produce a healthier lawn and protect the environment:

- ◆ Utilize weather-based irrigation controllers
- ◆ Utilize rain / moisture shut off devices
- ◆ Water early in the morning to minimize the effects of wind and evaporation
- ◆ Reduce irrigation during the winter months, and turn off your controller during periods of rain.
- ◆ Utilize repeat or soak cycles to minimize runoff
- ◆ Allow the soil to partially dry between irrigation events
- ◆ Design separate zones for turf, trees, shrubs and for various types of application devices.
- ◆ Avoid turf in long narrow areas that are difficult to efficiently irrigate
- ◆ Raise mowing heights to maximize water conservation
- ◆ Select drought-avoidance varieties such as Tall Fescue
- ◆ Perform an annual inspection of the irrigation system i.e unplug nozzles, raise low heads, level heads, adjust sprinkler arcs, repair leaks



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(Minutes of Run Time - Every Other Day)

Month	Spray Heads	Rotors
Jan	As needed	As needed
Feb	As needed	As needed
Mar	(9) or As needed	(17) or As needed
Apr	11	25
May	13	27
Jun	15	32
Jul	14	30
Aug	13	27
Sep	11	25
Oct	8	17
Nov	(5) or As needed	(10) or As needed
Dec	As needed	As needed

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(Minutes of Run Time - Every Other Day)

Month	Spray Heads	Rotors
Jan	As needed	As needed
Feb	As needed	As needed
Mar	(10) or As needed	(22) or As needed
Apr	14	30
May	15	32
Jun	16	35
Jul	15	32
Aug	15	32
Sep	11	25
Oct	9	20
Nov	(7) or As needed	(15) or As needed
Dec	As needed	As needed