

Lawn Watering Guide

Lawn watering uses nearly half the water used around home. Most of us tend to use water too often and leave the sprinklers on too long.

Turf studies have shown that most lawns only need to be watered every 3 to 4 days to stay healthy and green. Watering every day creates shallow roots. Watering infrequently develops deep roots and healthier turf. Grass roots grow deeper into the soil and become stronger with less watering. If grass does not spring back after being stepped on, it's time to water. Water only when needed.

Use the watering schedule as a guide. Your lawn may need more water when it's extra hot or less when it's cool. Water less when it rains. Avoid watering on windy days or midday when the evaporation level is the highest. Try to water during the early morning hours. Proper lawn watering can save a lot of water --- and that saves you money.

Determine your lawn watering needs.

- 1. Set 3 or more flat bottom cans or coffee mugs at various places on your lawn at least 4 feet from the sprinkler head.***
- 2. Turn on your sprinkler(s) for 15 minutes.***
- 3. Measure the depth of water in each can.***
- 4. Match your sprinkler output with table below. Then water the number of minutes indicated***

Water depth in can	<i>1/8</i>	<i>3/16</i>	<i>1/4</i>	<i>5/16</i>	<i>3/8</i>	<i>1/2</i>	<i>5/8</i>	<i>3/4</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Watering time in minutes</i>								
<i>Spring</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Fall</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>

Note: If water begins to run off, Stop and let it soak in a few minutes, then continue for the recommended time.