

For Lawns 2nd yr or older.



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Watering, Mowing and Sprinkler System Tips

LAWN WATERING

Turf studies show that most lawns need to be deep watered once every 3-4 days to stay healthy and green. Watering every day creates shallow roots. Watering less frequently for longer periods of time develops deeper, stronger roots and a healthier turf. Water only when needed. If grass does not spring back after being stepped on, it's time to water. Your lawn will also start to have a blue gray tint, or color, if it is too dry.

Watering at night will reduce evaporation loss by up to 20 percent. Because our climate is typically dry, if you water at night you shouldn't have mildew or fungus on your lawn, unless you water too much. Watering in the early morning hours will also prevent mildew and fungus because of the quicker exposure to the sun.

GRASS HEIGHT

Best to avoid night time watering if at all possible. Lawn should be dry before sunset.

Grass height should be 2 1/2 to 3 inches or more, especially during the heat of summer. Longer grass shades the soil, prevents both excess drying and evaporation, and reduces the need for watering. It is recommended to mow your lawn often enough so that you don't cut more than 1/3 of the blade of grass off, typically at least once per week.

Mowing your lawn short (1-2 inches long) on the last mowing of the year is also recommended to prevent mold problems, to improve disease resistance, and to discourage rodents from moving in. If you do notice snow mold in the spring, the easiest fix is to lightly rake the grass. This will improve air circulation, helping to dry the grass, which will stop mold growth and help the grass recover.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Millions of gallons of water are wasted every year by poor water management. Here are a few tips to reduce your water usage and your water bill.

- Water less frequently before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. Change the setting on the sprinkler system or leave the system on manual.
- Turn the system off or flip the rain switch or rain delay on when it rains.
- Consider installing a rain sensor or arrange to have a neighbor turn off the sprinklers if it rains when you are away from home.

Tuna Fish Can Test.....

HOW TO DETERMINE SPRINKLER SYSTEM TIMES

1. Set three or more tuna fish cans at various places on your lawn at least four feet from the sprinkler head.
2. Turn on your sprinkler(s) for 15 minutes.
3. Measure the depth of water in each can with a ruler and determine the average depth in the cans.
4. Match your sprinkler output with the table below.
5. Water the number of minutes indicated.
6. Most lawns in Utah need 1 - 1 1/2 inches water Spring and Fall, and 2 - 2 1/2 inches water Summer per week
7. Apply 1/2 - 1 inch of water each time you irrigate

If you have a dry area in lawn you may need to adjust nozzle size in nearby head(s) rather than adding more time to clock. If you have questions please call Cory at 208-851-0466

WATER DEPTH IN CANS AFTER RUNNING THE SPRINKLERS FOR 15 MINUTES						
*This is after your lawn is established!	1/4 INCH	3/8 INCH	1/2 INCH	5/8 INCH	3/4 INCH	1 INCH
Spring 50-70°F (water every 4 days)	26 min.	17 min.	13 min.	10 min.	9 min.	6 min.
Summer 70-85°F (water every 3 days*)	52 min.	35 min.	26 min.	21 min.	17 min.	13 min.
Fall 50-70°F (water every 4 days)	39 min.	26 min.	19 min.	15 min.	13 min.	10 min.

*In temperatures above 85 degrees watering more than every 3 days may be required