

Summer Watering Tips



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Lawn Watering

Water Less/Water Deep

If you water your lawn every day, you are encouraging shallow roots. Water fewer days per week and enough for 1 inch deep in the soil. This will encourage deeper root growth and a healthier lawn. The odd/even system that the state mandates is a good rule of thumb. Odd numbered addresses water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Even numbered addresses water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Water Early and Avoid Windy Days

Watering early in the day helps reduce the likelihood of fungus growth and sun damage. Typically it is less windy in the mornings. Don't use sprinklers on windy days. It results in uneven watering and over spray onto sidewalks and pavement.

Shady Areas

Water areas that are in the shade about 30% less than sunny areas. Shade creates a microclimate of cooler temperatures and lower evaporation, so plants need less water.

Outdoor Plant Watering

Mulch

Apply a three-inch layer of mulch or compost around plants to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth, and reduce weeds. Keep mulch a few inches away from tree trunks to prevent rot. Again, water less often and deep so that you encourage strong root growth.

Soaker Hose

Using a soaker hose around your flower beds, foundation shrubs and newly planted plants ensures that the plants will get adequate water and reduced evaporation.

Gator Bags®

Gator bags are inner tube-like circles that you fill with water and fit around the trunk of your trees and large shrubs. It slowly releases water to the roots of your tree. Gator bags are used by professional landscapers and contractors to ensure that the plants are getting watered correctly.

Soil Moist®

Soil Moist® should be mixed into your soil along with your *Soil Conditioner* and *Planting Mix* to reduce the amount of water needed for your plants. Soil Moist® acts as a water reservoir--even during periods of drought the stored water is released to the plant. The expansion and retraction of the polymer during the watering cycle helps soil aeration, which is important to all plants.