



# It's Peak Irrigation Season

During June and July, our days are long and our landscape's water demand is at its peak. As more irrigation water is applied, the need to assure maximum water use efficiency is of greater importance. To prevent water waste and assure peak water use efficiency, follow these helpful tips below:

- Water only as needed. Check soil moisture levels before watering.
- Water by hand. Periodic hand watering is most efficient.
- Use low-volume drip irrigation instead of bubblers and sprinklers.
- Reduce your watering frequency to once weekly for shrubs, and two times for lawns. Then, supply additional water only if needed.
- Before programming your controller to water automatically, conduct an irrigation system test and perform a system tune-up. Eliminate leaks and be sure water is applied evenly and only where needed.
- Be cautious about continued automatic watering. Use the rain delay feature on your controller to skip unnecessary watering days ahead.
- Use the "SMART" features on your new irrigation controller to automatically adjust your watering duration and frequency and to notify you of system operation.
- Activate the rain shut-off feature to prevent irrigation during and at least 48 hours after a rainfall event.
- In the event of a power outage, make sure the irrigation controller did not re-program to a default mode to water every day.



- Use lots of composted organic matter to amend your soil and as a thick layer of mulch to reduce evaporative water loss

## Additional Water-Wise Landscaping Tips

The Landscape Watering Guide below was developed to assist you in managing your irrigation programming throughout the growing season. The minutes of irrigation run time for June and July are calculated to be the maximum irrigation run times needed to meet your landscape's water demand.

Newer "SMART" irrigation controllers will automatically adjust these peak irrigation run times to match actual water demand (typically fewer minutes of irrigation run time). If you have an older irrigation controller, you must change your programmed frequency and run times each month as the weather and plant water needs change.

Note: If your drip irrigation emitters are one gallon per hour, the listed run times below should be doubled.

Maximum Minutes of Irrigation Run Time Per Week				
Month	Lawns		Shrubs	
	Spray heads for lawns	Rotors for lawns	Spray heads for shrubs	Drip for shrubs (2 gph emitters)
<b>Jan</b>	(9) or as needed	(26) or as needed	(6) or as needed	(5) or as needed
<b>Feb</b>	(13) or as needed	(39) or as needed	(9) or as needed	(8) or as needed
<b>Mar</b>	(24) or as needed	(70) or as needed	(17) or as needed	(13) or as needed
<b>Apr</b>	32	93	22	18
<b>May</b>	37	112	27	22
<b>Jun</b>	42	126	30	25
<b>Jul</b>	44	131	32	26
<b>Aug</b>	37	112	27	22
<b>Sep</b>	32	93	22	18
<b>Oct</b>	24	70	17	13
<b>Nov</b>	(11) or as needed	(34) or as needed	(8) or as needed	(7) or as needed
<b>Dec</b>	(6) or as needed	(18) or as needed	(4) or as needed	(4) or as needed
Maximum Run Time Per Application Event				
	13 Minutes	42 Minutes	13 Minutes	13 Minutes
Minimum Days Between Watering Days				
	2 Days	2 Days	3 Days	3 Days

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