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- ◆ Reduce your irrigation frequency or turn off your controller during the winter months and 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 irrigate efficiently
- ◆ Raise lawn mowing heights to maximize water conservation
- ◆ Select low water use grass 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 irrigation run time per week				
Month	Lawns		Shrubs	
	Spray heads for lawns	Rotors for lawns	Spray heads for shrubs	Drip for shrubs (2gph 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
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<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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