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- ◆ Water early in the morning to minimize the effects of wind and evaporation
- ◆ 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 mowing heights to maximize water conservation
- ◆ Select low water use plant 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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It may be necessary to make minor adjustments to the listed schedule according to your sites unique conditions, such as soil type, sun and wind exposure, as well as the uniformity of your irrigation system. Owners of manual controllers must re-enter the scheduled run times each month as the weather and plant water needs change.

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Coastal Lawn Watering Guide		
(Minutes watering time, three days per week)		
Month	Spray Heads	Rotors
Jan	Only as needed	Only as needed
Feb	Only as needed	Only as needed
Mar	5 min, or as needed	15 min, or as needed
Apr	7 min, 3x per week	21 min, 3x per week
May	7 min, 3x per week	23 min, 3x per week
Jun	8 min, 3x per week	23 min, 3x per week
Jul	7 min, 3x per week	21 min, 3x per week
Aug	6 min, 3x per week	19 min, 3x per week
Sep	5 min, 3x per week	15 min, 3x per week
Oct	4 min, 3x per week	13 min, 3x per week
Nov	3 min, 3x per week	8 min, 3x per week
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