

It's Peak Irrigation Season



Now that it's summer with longer days and warmer temperatures, our landscapes require more water during the months of June and July. To prevent water waste and assure peak water use efficiency, follow these helpful tips below:

- Water by hand. Periodic hand watering is most efficient
- Before programming your controller to water automatically, conduct an irrigation system test, and perform a system tune-up. Eliminate leaks and be assured water is applied evenly and only where needed
- Water only as needed, typically once weekly for shrubs, and two, or possibly three times for lawns
- Be cautious about automatic watering. Consider using the rain delay feature to skip scheduled watering days and save water
- Use the "SMART" features on your new irrigation controller to automatically adjust the watering duration and frequency
- Be sure not to over water. Dig down into the soil to see if the soil is already moist
- Activate the rain shut-off feature to prevent irrigation during, and at least 48 hours after a rainfall event
- In the even of a power outage, make sure the irrigation controller did not re-program to a default mode to water everyday



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.

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)
Jan	(9) or as needed	(26) or as needed	(6) or as needed	(5) or as needed
Feb	(13) or as needed	(39) or as needed	(9) or as needed	(8) or as needed
Mar	(24) or as needed	(70) or as needed	(17) or as needed	(13) or as needed
Apr	32	93	22	18
May	37	112	27	22
Jun	42	126	30	25
Jul	44	131	32	26
Aug	37	112	27	22
Sep	32	93	22	18
Oct	24	70	17	13
Nov	(11) or as needed	(34) or as needed	(8) or as needed	(7) or as needed
Dec	(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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