

Watering Guide



Water efficient irrigation does not end with construction. Changing your irrigation controller is an important part of reducing your landscape water use.

The watering schedule below will help save water, time and money.

Your drip irrigation system should run a minimum of 2 hours each time to ensure the proper water depth is reached. Let the drip system run for 8 to 10 hours after every seventh watering. This removes the salts that build up around the plants root system. Check the plant material for signs of stress to further fine-tune your irrigation schedule. The Water Conservation Office offers a *Lawn Watering Guide* to help you determine the length of time to run your sprinkler system.

Cacti need supplemental watering during the first three months after planting. Apply water with a hose once a month for the first three months or when the pads begin to droop. Cacti require no additional water after they have become established, except for long periods of hot and dry weather.

Watering Frequency for established plants				
	Summer May - Oct.	Fall Oct. - Dec.	Winter Dec. - Mar.	Spring Mar. - May
Trees	Every 10 days	Every 14 days	Every 30 days	Every 21 days
Shrubs	Every 5 days	Every 10 days	Every 25 days	Every 10 days
Annuals	Daily	Every 3 days	Every 7 days	Every 3 days

Succulents	7 - 30 days	Monthly	If Needed	Monthly
Over seeded Lawn	None	Every 3-5 days	Every 5-7 days	None
Lawn	Every day	Every 7 days	Every 15 days	Every 7 days

Additional watering may be required during long periods of hot and dry weather.

Drip Run Time: 2 hours minimum each watering period.