

How should I WATER my landscape each week?

Keep your landscape healthy with these simple watering techniques:

Deep, infrequent watering is best for established plants and lawn. The goal is to saturate the top 6 inches of the soil once per week.

Once per week during most of the year is an adequate watering frequency. **Think inches not minutes: 1 inch-1.5 inches per week.** In the hottest parts of the summer you may need to water 2 times per week, but be sure to follow your local watering restrictions. *See Dallas guidelines on the reverse.*

Important: Even if you have a sprinkler system, you need to provide supplemental hand-watering on new plantings until plants are established. See our First Year Care Guide.

Early morning, between 5am & 10am is the best time to water your landscape.

How long do I water?

- *Set out 5-6 open-top cans randomly on the lawn (tuna and cat food cans work best because they have short sides).
- *Turn the sprinkler head or system on for 30 minutes.
- *Measure and record the depth of water caught in each individual can.
- *Calculate the average depth of water from all of the cans in 30 minutes. (Add each amount together then divide by the number of cans.)
- *Use a garden spade to determine how deep the soil was wet during the 30-minute watering. Measure the depth of the wet soil.
- *When you know how much water was applied in a 30-minute cycle and how deep that volume of water wet the soil, it is easy to determine how long the sprinkler head must run to adequately wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches.

Example: The system put out ½ inch of water in 30 minutes wetting the soil to a depth of 3 inches. Therefore, 1 inch of water will need to be applied to wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches giving a run time of 1 hour.

3" wet soil = ½" of water = 30 minutes

6" wet soil = 1" of water = 1 hour

If you find you're getting run-off before you saturate to 6-inches, you can split the cycle up into two sessions with a break in-between.

- ***Gator Bags** are great for new trees!
- *2"-3" of **MULCH** on new and established plantings will help retain moisture in the soil.
- ***Soaker hoses** water slowly and deeply. Run for 6-8 hours, once a week on established plants. Add a timer for ease of use.
- *Plants in hanging baskets and other containers dry out quickly. Use **NHG Premium Organic Potting Soil** and add **Coco Coir Fiber** to other potting soils plus mulch to help retain moisture.



Properly watering your lawn and garden will not only save you money on your water bill, it will also help conserve a precious resource. City ordinances vary. The City of Dallas outlines the mandatory guidelines below.

DALLAS MANDATORY WATERING GUIDELINES

It is a violation of the City Code to water a lawn or landscape in a manner that wastes water or causes runoff including causing water to fall on sidewalks, driveways, or other areas not lawns or landscapes. You must maintain your irrigation system to prevent waste by repairing broken, missing, or misdirected sprinkler heads.

All Water Customers

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY schedule. No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays and from April 1-October 31, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering are allowed on any day and at any time.

Apartments, office building complexes or other property containing multiple addresses must be identified by the lowest address number.

Watering is prohibited during any type of precipitation, as well as between April 1 through October 31 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Rain and Freeze sensors are required on all automatic sprinkler systems. Violations of these outdoor watering guidelines can now result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident.

For water conservation information, call **214-670-3155** or visit www.savedallaswater.com

The City of Dallas makes no mention of restrictions using grey water, water barrels, or Gator bags. Apply recycled water at any time.

STAGE 1 WATERING SCHEDULE - Dallas Drought Contingency Plan	
Last Digit of Address	Watering Days Allowed
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address number	Sundays and Thursdays