



This Summer
Reduce Your Use!

Water Use Efficiency Ideas for Landscape Irrigation

In Paso Robles, the average household uses over three times as much water in the summer time than during the winter months. This summer, the City is requiring homes and businesses to water no more than 3 days per week and cut outdoor water use as much as possible to avoid water shortages.

Attached is a refrigerator magnet with a suggested 2009 lawn watering schedule for typical pop-up spray systems. Simply divide the weekly number of minutes shown in yellow by 3 to determine the number of minutes per day to set your timers on the 3 permitted watering days for your zone.

Other Tips to Help You Reduce Landscape Water Use this Summer

- Adjust sprinkler heads to minimize spray onto sidewalks and driveways.
- When brown spots occur in your lawn, check first for coverage problems before increasing run times. You may need to adjust or replace sprinkler heads.
- Inspect irrigation equipment in operation and repair leaks and broken heads.
- Trim plants that prevent spray from reaching its target.
- Use a higher setting to mow lawns. Longer lawns need less water.
- Use multiple run times on watering days to prevent runoff, especially for steep slopes.
- Water after 7PM or before 9AM to reduce evaporation loss and wind drift.
- Aerate and dethatch your lawn to increase air and water transfer to the root zone.
- Mulch around plantings to conserve soil moisture.
- Sweep sidewalks, patios, and driveways instead of hosing them down.
- Always use a shutoff valve or a hose bib timer when using the garden hose to water plants.

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