

Lawn watering tips:

- Use the 'shoe' test to tell you when to water. Walk across your lawn. If the grass springs up after being walked on, it doesn't need to be watered.
- Remember the best watering times are early in the day—before 10 a.m. when the air is calm. Avoid rainy, windy or hot days.
- Adjust to your guide recommendations gradually to allow the grass root system time to adjust to the change.
- Watch for visual signs of under-watering such as dry spots or wilting.
- Even expensive sprinkler systems miss some areas. Water those brown spots by hand.
- If water is flowing off the grass into the gutter, divide the watering time into two blocks to allow the soil to accept the applied water.
- Increase the amount of water over the spring season to reach the summer water needs, and gradually decrease the amount of water in the fall as the winter rains approach.
- Reduce watering times by 20 percent of the time suggested in the guide if you have a Bermuda grass lawn or another type of low water-using grass.
- Water slightly more for small lawns surrounded by concrete or other heat-reflecting urban structures.



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