

# Lawn Watering



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Grass clippings are composed of 85% water.  
Keep them on the lawn!**

## Keeping a Healthy Lawn

- A healthy lawn requires about 1 inch of water a week
- Use a rain gauge to measure rainfall and watering
- Use a sprinkler that shoots low to the ground – oscillating sprinklers often lose water to evaporation
- Set your mower height high (2 ½ inches or higher) lawns maintained at higher heights usually develop deeper roots and dry out slower
- Determine your lawn's watering needs – if grass in a footprint does not spring back, watering is needed
- Brown grass is dormant and not dead – dormant grass cannot be brought back to green once it has gone dormant
- Dormant lawns only need about ¼ to ½ inch of water every 2-3 weeks



### What does your lawn need?

A healthy lawn requires about 1 inch of water a week.

Check for moisture in the soil about three inches under the surface by probing with a screwdriver. If the soil is damp, there is no need to water.

To determine the rate at which your sprinkler system applies water to your lawn, place several small containers in the area being watered. Run the system for 15 minutes, then measure the depth of water in all of the containers and average them. Multiply the average by four to determine how much water is applied to the lawn per hour.

### Watering Tips

- Watch the weather. Don't water if a one-inch rainstorm has occurred in the last week.
- Postpone watering if the forecast calls for rain.
- Don't set a schedule for watering; apply only when needed
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry, allows the roots to grow to greater depths.
- Water in the early morning hours, before 9:00 am
- Don't water heavily after applying fertilizer
- Set up your sprinkler so it only waters the lawn and not nearby paved surfaces

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