

AVERAGE WATERING GUIDELINES

NEW PLANTS (under 4 weeks)				ESTABLISHED PLANTS		
Frequency	Duration	Method	Climate	Method	Frequency	Duration
7 x Week 3 x week	1st week only, then— 30-60 minutes, 1 x day	Drip irrigation	HOT May June July August	Drip irrigation	1-2 x Week	4-8 hours* (Total/week)
7 x week 3 x week	1st week only, then— 20 seconds Per feet of height, 1x day	Hand watering		Hand watering	1-2 x week	60 seconds Per feet of height
2 x week	2-3 hours	Drip irrigation	WARM April September	Drip irrigation	1 x week	2-3 hours*
2 x week	20 seconds/feet of height watering	Hand watering		Hand	1 x week	40 seconds/ feet of height
1 x week	30-60 minutes, 1 x day	Drip irrigation	COOL March October	Drip irrigation	2-3 x month	1-2 hours*
1 x week	10 seconds/feet of height	Hand watering		Hand watering	2-3 x month	20 seconds/ feet of height
2 x month	30-60 minutes, 1 x day	Drip Irrigation	COLD November December January February	Drip irrigation	1 x month	1-2 hours*
2 x month	10 seconds/feet of height	Hand watering		Hand watering	1 x month	10 seconds/ feet of height

Tip: If your soil is heavier (has more clay vs sand), does not drain, and/or stays wet for days at a time; the frequency (how often you water) should be reduced, but not the duration (length of time).

** Add one dripper every 2 years, enlarging drip zone by 2 feet (10 max)*

This is meant to be a guide only. As plants mature they may need more water. With overwatering, new growth will be small, yellow, and have weak stems. With underwatering, no new growth will appear, leaves will yellow and fall. Organic material is always recommended as it will improve drainage in clay soil and will aid sandy soil in holding moisture.

NEW LAWNS			ESTABLISHED LAWNS	
Frequency	Duration		Frequency	Duration
3-5 x day 2-4 x day 1-2 x day 1 x day	week 1: 5 minutes week 2: 7-10 minutes week 3: 10-15 minutes week 4: 15-20 minutes	HOT	2-3 x week	15-45 minutes per zone, 2 x day, within 6 hours
1-2 x day	5 minutes	WARM	1-2 x week	30-60 minutes per zone
1 x day	5 minutes	COOL	1-2 x week	30-45 minutes per zone
2 x month	15 minutes	COLD	1 x month	30 minutes per zone

Temperature adjustment for lawns—Inches of water per week

- 70° = .50-.75 inches
- 80° = .75-1.00 inches
- 90° = 1.00-1.25 inches
- 100°+ = 1.25-1.50 inches

The amount of water applied can be measured by using a straight-sided cup or can placed in your lawn and added for a weekly total.

