



Tips for Outdoor Watering



- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Use sprinklers for large areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
- Collect water from your roof to water your garden.
- Rather than following a set watering schedule, check for soil moisture two to three inches below the surface before watering.
- Remember to check your sprinkler system valves periodically for leaks and keep the sprinkler heads in good shape
- When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most
- Use sprinklers that deliver big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller water drops and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.
- Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots rather than run off the surface.
- Use rain barrels to water your lawn or gardens
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks

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