

WATER LAWNS 20 MINUTES TWICE A WEEK FOR A TOTAL OF 1" PER WEEK

4 Easy Steps to Correct Lawn Watering

1

CHECK AND REPAIR CLOGGED OR BROKEN SPRINKLER HEADS.

Look for sprinklers that may be set into the ground too deeply. Sprinkler heads should be vertical and unobstructed.

2

FIND OUT HOW LONG IT TAKES YOUR SYSTEM TO APPLY 1 INCH OF WATER.

Check your sprinkler head manufacturer performance charts or do the "tuna can test". Spray heads usually deliver water at a rate of 1.5 inches per hour; Rotors at a rate of .75 inches per hour.

3

USE A TIMER TO SET YOUR WATERING SCHEDULE.

On slopes or with clay soil, break up your irrigation run times into two or three cycles to allow the water to soak into the ground. Example: if it takes 20 minutes to apply ½ inch of water, schedule five minute cycles with an hour in between.

4

INSTALL A RAIN SENSOR TO SHUT OFF YOUR SYSTEM DURING WET WEATHER.

Don't irrigate in the rain!

REMEMBER
A cross
control device
must be
installed on
all irrigation
systems!

*TUNA CAN TEST

1. Place several tuna cans or similar containers around your lawn.
2. Turn on the sprinkler for 15 minutes.
3. Measure the water in the cans with a ruler and determine the average depth.

Watering Schedule

Most lawns need only 1 inch of water each week, spread over 2 or 3 waterings, to stay green during Northwest summers.

It is recommended that you start your irrigation timer on June 1 and shut it down Sept 1.**

Irrigation Intervals

June
Once
every
4 days

July
Once
every
3 days

Aug
Once
every
3 days

**This schedule is based on average weather and average soils. Extremely hot weather and sandy soils may require an occasional watering a day sooner. Cool weather may allow you to skip or postpone a scheduled watering.