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# WATERING TIPS

## DID YOU KNOW

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- Lawns only need 1" of water per WEEK.

Setting your sprinklers to run for 30-35 minutes twice a week promotes deep root growth and creates drought tolerant lawns.

- The best watering times are between 6a - 9a

Water is allowed to penetrate the soil and soak in before it can evaporate from the sun and heat.

- Concrete won't grow

Set your sprinklers so they are not watering the sidewalk or driveway.

## FOR YOUR OUTDOOR PLANTS & YARD:

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The following tips can help you conserve water this summer while maintaining a healthy lawn and garden.

- Install a rain sensor on your irrigation system, or use a simple rain gauge when watering.
- Do NOT water if the grass springs back.
- Collect rain water using a rain barrel to water your potted plants. OPU offers a \$10 rebate for rain barrels.
- Plant drought resistant and/or native plants. Native plants require less water.
- Mulch around plants and trees to reduce evaporation and weeds. Be sure to keep the mulch back from the tree flare 2-4" to prevent subtle, long-term ill-effects.
- The second best time to water is early evening when the plants still have time to dry before the sun goes down.
- Keep mower decks raised to 3-4" to shade the ground and reduce moisture evaporation.
- Keep mower blades sharp. A yard mowed with sharp blades will use 40-60% less water.



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