



WATERING

TIPS AND GUIDELINES

USE A SCREWDRIVER or other sharp tool to see if ground is penetrable. Pull back a corner and push the screwdriver or sharp object into the soil. It should push in easily and have moisture along the first 6 inches, or more water should be applied.

CORNERS AND EDGES are particularly vulnerable to drying out and are easily missed by many sprinklers. Areas near buildings also dry out faster. Make sure the entire lawn is receiving the same amount of water.

TO CONSERVE WATER when runoff occurs, turn off the water and wait thirty minutes to an hour. For the next two weeks, keep the soil below the turf moist with daily (or more frequent) waterings.

AS THE ROOTS of the turf begin to penetrate the soil, it will be difficult to pull back the corner to check underneath the sod. You can still use a sharp object to penetrate the soil by going all the way through the turf into the soil.



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WATER IN THE MORNING anytime before 10:00AM and in the evening after 4:00PM. These times are ideal because of lower temperatures, lower wind speeds and less water is lost through evaporation.

INFREQUENT AND DEEP WATERING is preferred over frequent and shallow watering. Roots will only grow as deep as their most frequent available water supply.

DORMANT TURF STILL NEEDS WATER! Just because it is dormant does not mean it is dead! About 1/2 inch of water per week should be applied to dormant turf after establishment in winter periods when there is little to no rain. Winds and humidity levels can cause turf to be dry. Watering through the winter to keep soil moist will increase your chances of a healthy (and green) lawn in the spring!



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