

LANDSCAPE WATERING CALENDAR

Use of this calendar helps us balance peak summer water use. Too many people watering their landscapes at the same time can put a strain on our water distribution system and storage facilities.

To use the calendar, find the symbol that contains the numbers that include the last two digits of your house number. These will be your designated watering days.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE: Your house number is 22654. The last two digits of your house number are 54. This means your watering days are Wednesday and Saturday (green triangle.)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
00-15	No Lawn Watering	16-32	33-99	00-15	16-32	33-99



Here are some of the things you can do to become a “waterwise” gardener!

- Improve your soil. Add water and nutrient holding materials such as compost to your shrub beds and dig them in as deep as possible.
- Plant native plants and drought tolerant plants that do not require as much water.
- Cover your planting beds with two to four inches of mulch such as compost or bark to reduce evaporation.
- Reduce the size of your lawn. Mow high, mow often, and leave the clippings. If you elect to let your lawn go brown, water it at least once a month to help it out. Aeration, dethatching and overseeding can improve poor lawns.
- Water lawns deeply, but infrequently. One inch a week during the summer is all that you need.
- Water early in the morning or late in the evening. Avoid watering during the heat of the day, as up to 30% of the water is wasted due to evaporation, and water droplets on your grass can damage the plant leaf structure.
- Arrange sprinklers so they cover lawn area, not pavement.
- Daily watering is rarely necessary, as grass roots like to dry out between watering days. Two days a week should help you give your landscape what it needs.

