

# WESTERN WATER

## Irrigation Guidelines

These guidelines provide recommended watering times for various plant types and irrigation methods to support efficient outdoor water use and healthy landscapes.

### IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE

Proper irrigation maintenance ensures your system operates and uses water while supporting a healthy landscape.



For a detailed, step-by-step guide to irrigation system maintenance, scan the QR code or visit [WesternWaterCA.gov/IrrigationChecklist](https://WesternWaterCA.gov/IrrigationChecklist) to download the complete checklist.

### SOIL CONSIDERATIONS

Watering needs vary depending on soil type and plant selection. Adjust irrigation schedules to match how quickly your soil absorbs and retains water, ensuring healthy plant growth.



For **clay soils**, use shorter irrigation cycles with breaks in between to allow water to absorb and prevent runoff.



For **sandy soils**, use longer cycles or more frequent watering, as water drains more quickly and may not reach plant roots efficiently.

### WATERING SCHEDULES

These guidelines are for sprinkler systems that aren't weather-based and need manual adjustments. Use these suggestions to align watering with seasonal changes and soil conditions for efficient water use and a healthy landscape.

### CONTACT US

**Need help?** Western Water's Customer Service team is here for you.

 [customerservice@wmwd.com](mailto:customerservice@wmwd.com)

 951.571.7104





# DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPES

Native Plants, Succulents, Established Shrubs



WATERING DAYS  
per week



CYCLES  
per day



MINUTES  
per day



JAN - FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUNE

JULY - AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV

DEC



1

1

2

2

2

3

2

2

1

1



1

1

1

2

2

2

2

1

1

1



15

20

20

12-13

15

17-18

15

25

20

15



# DRIP IRRIGATION

Shrubs, Trees, and Garden Beds



WATERING DAYS  
per week



CYCLES  
per day



MINUTES  
per day



JAN - FEB

MAR

APR

MAY - JUNE

JULY - AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV - DEC



1

1

2

2

3

2

2

1



1

1

1

2

2

2

1

1



20

25

25

15-18

20

17-18

30

20-25



# COOL-SEASON GRASS

Green all Year  
(e.g., Tall Fescue, Kentucky Bluegrass, Ryegrass)



WATERING DAYS  
per week



CYCLES  
per day



MINUTES  
per day



JAN - FEB

MAR - APR

MAY - JUNE

JULY - AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV - DEC



1

2

3-4

4

3

2

1



1

2

2-3

3

2

2

1



3

4-6

6-8

8-10

6-7

4-6

3-4



# WARM-SEASON GRASS

Green in Summer/Dormant in Winter  
(e.g., Bermuda, Zoysia, St. Augustine)



WATERING DAYS  
per week



CYCLES  
per day



MINUTES  
per day



JAN - FEB

MAR

APR

MAY - JUNE

JULY - AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV - DEC



1

1

2

3

3

2

2

1



1

1

2

2

2

2

2

1



3

4

5

6

7

5

4

3