Watering Your Lawn - Step 1

Measure sprinkler output



Place five or more flat-bottomed containers (coffee mugs, tin cans, cake pans, etc.) randomly around your lawn. Keep them at least 2 feet away from the sprinkler heads.

Run your system for 15 minutes.





Turn off the system and use a ruler to measure the depth of water in each can or mug.

Use the chart on reverse as a guideline on how may minutes a week to water your lawn.



Watering Your Lawn - Step 2

Determine how long to water your lawn

Average depth in cans (in inches after 15 minutes)	Total recommended minutes of watering per day using a 3 times a week irrigation schedule.			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	
	(Mar.15-May	(May 15 -Sept.	(Sept. 15-Nov.	
	14)	14)	14)	Winter
1"	4	7	5	(Nov. 15-
3/4"	5	9	6	Mar.14)
5/8"	6	11	7	Little or no
1/2"	8	14	9	watering is usually re-
3/8"	11	18	12	quired
1/4"	16	28	18	quireu
1/8"	32	56	36	

This chart is only a general guide. For more detailed watering information, please refer to the UC Davis Integrated Pest Management website's online irrigation calculator (http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/TOOLS/TURF/MAINTAIN/irrsched.html).