



BROOKLYN PARK WATER CONSERVATION

What You Need to Know



LAWN SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

Odd/Even lawn sprinkling restrictions are in effect from May 1 until September 30. Residents with even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days and odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days.

Residents should avoid sprinkling their lawns between the hours of 4:00 and 10:00 p.m., when demand on the water supply is at its peak. Newly seeded or sodded lawns and irrigation wells are exempt from this restriction.

BEST LAWN WATERING PRACTICES

Summer lawn watering creates large demands on the city's water supply. Water supply treatment and storage facilities are built three times larger to support additional demands created by lawn watering. This extra capacity is not used for most of the year and adds significant costs to the design, construction and operation of a water system. Efficient lawn watering practices can help maintain a beautiful yard and conserve the city's valuable water supplies.

TIPS TO DO YOUR PART

- Adjust sprinklers to water only grassy areas and not surfaces such as streets, driveways and walkways.
- Mow grass to a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surfaces, which helps reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.
- Use sprinklers that spray low large drops instead of high fine ones.
- Use hand soakers for small trees, shrubs and plants.
- Use shut off nozzles on hoses and repair leaky hoses and fittings.

WATERING TIPS

- Watering your lawn about one inch per week (including precipitation) is adequate for maintaining a beautiful yard. Use a can or rain gauge to help determine the amount of water on your lawn.
- Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when needed.
- A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn. If you leave foot prints, it may be time to water!
- Using a spade or gardening tool to check soil conditions two to six inches below the surface can provide information on soil moisture.
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry in-between waterings will allow roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.
- Water during the cool part of the day to minimize moisture lost to evaporation. Early morning hours (4 a.m. to 10 a.m.) are the best, and the peak water consumption hours (4 p.m. to 10 p.m.) should be avoided.
- Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.
- Watering at night is not recommended because the lawn stays wet for a long period of time which can also promote diseases and affect the health of your lawn.