



Lawn Irrigation

Lawn irrigation is a part of the lawn maintenance program that must be completed by the homeowner.

Most turfgrasses require one to three inches of water per week. The exact amount depends on weather conditions, soil type, and type of lawn grasses. If rainfall does not supply enough moisture, lawns must be irrigated.

A symptom that your lawn needs irrigation is loss of green color. When you walk across the lawn, the grass remains flattened in the footprints. Inability to penetrate the soil with a screwdriver indicates the soil is dry.

Once adequate rainfall ceases, lawns generally start to become dry in a week and irrigation is needed. Hot air temperatures increase the need to water.

Apply one inch of water per week by one or two heavy waterings. Do not irrigate lightly for a few minutes each day. Watering heavily once a week encourages the water to soak deeply throughout the grass root zone.

While irrigating, placing some shallow containers on the lawn will help you measure how much water is being applied. An hour or more may be required to apply one inch of water.

Consult with your Lawn Care Specialist if you have any questions regarding proper watering of your lawn.

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