



Watering Guidelines for Bryan/College Station Lawns

| Season | Months | Guidelines |
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| Late Winter/Early Spring | January, February | Rainfall is usually adequate. Water if no rainfall for four weeks. |
| Spring | March, April, May | Water only once per week if less than one inch of rainfall occurs. |
| Summer | June, July, August, Early September | Water each section heavily at least twice a week if less than one inch rainfall. |
| Fall | Late September, October | REDUCE WATER FREQUENCY! This is Brown Patch Season and excess water triggers this disease. During September water only once per week if no rainfall and every two weeks in October if no rain. |
| Late Fall/Early Winter | November, December | Rainfall is usually adequate. Water if no rainfall for four weeks. |

- Proper watering is critical to your lawn’s health and vigor. Deep and infrequent watering is the best practice. This means wetting the soil to a depth of 3-5 inches per irrigation. This equates to ½” of irrigation at a time.
- Water during the morning rather than in the afternoon or evening; this allows the leaf blades to dry and reduces the risk of disease.
- Let the turf determine watering frequency. Since heat, humidity, and rainfall can vary, it’s best to water at the first signs of stress, not on a predetermined schedule.
- St. Augustine turf has poor drought tolerance and requires irrigation to survive during our long hot summers.
- To reduce water runoff and to help water penetrate and soak into our B/CS clay soils, we recommend “Cycle and Soak” watering schedule. Instead of watering for a long period of time and allowing the water to runoff into the street, divide the total watering time per zone by 3. Water 3 shorter intervals (all in the same morning). For example, water once per week, at 4am, 5am, and 6am. Each cycle, water for 15 minutes for rotor heads, 8 minutes for stationary pop-ups, and 30 minutes for low volume MP Rotator heads. (These times are averages sampled from other lawns to reach a desired amount of water, which is ½” at a time.) Water less in shaded areas.
- **Do not water every day or two. Frequent, short watering encourages shallow roots, unhealthy grass plants and turf susceptible to drought and disease.**
- Water newer trees using soaker hoses or direct hose drips once every couple of weeks.