How Often Should You Water?
- See watering (bottom right) for a watering schedule specific to your grass
- Water in the morning, instead of at night or in direct sunlight.
- Generally 1” of water each week during growing season helps your lawn flourish.
- Soil should be saturated up to 6-8 inches deep to allow for deep roots.
- Do not over-water to the point that excess water can be seen draining from your lawn or after it has rained.

How to Determine Saturation Depth:
- Drive shovel or spade into ground and push forward to see how deep soil is saturated with water.

How to Determine Sprinkler Rate:
- Use a coffee can or rain gauge, placed within range of sprinkler, to capture water.
- Measure water collected after 1-2 hours of watering.

Problems With Under-watering:
- Lack of water can create short roots that are close to the surface and in danger of drying out and contracting disease.
- Low saturation of soil prompts weed growth creating competition with your turf.
- Potential for a Chinch bug infestation

Problems With Over-watering:
- Can suffocate turf.
- Causes disease.
- Causes runoff from your lawn.

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