



HOW TO WATER for a Truly Green Lawn

Tips for River Star Homes

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.

How Long Can You Wait Between Watering?

Number of days without water	Type of Grass
12-21 days	Bahia, Bermuda, St. Augustine, Centipede
8-12 days	Carpet, Fine and Tall Fescue, Kikuyu, Seashore Paspalum, Zoysia
5-7 days	Rye, Kentucky Bluegrass, Bent