

2023

Rules for Outdoor Water Use

REGLAS DE RIEGO EN EXTERIORES



Outdoor Watering Rules are in effect May 1 to Oct. 1.

These times are based on a sprinkler system running at an efficient level. Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This chart is a starting point for the number of minutes to water each sprinkler zone on the days you determine watering is needed. These times are averages. Adjust your watering minutes based on rainfall, type of grass or plants, sunny or shady locations and other characteristics.

Watering two days a week should be sufficient during most of the summer.

If needed, water a third day only during extreme heat or dry periods. Water trees and shrubs as needed, but not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Shrubs and perennials need half as much water as lawns.

There are no assigned watering days, but never water a zone more than three days per week.

Lawn Watering Times

Minutes to Water Per Zone

Watering Months



Fixed Spray Heads



Rotor Heads



Rotary Nozzles



Manual Sprinklers

Watering Months	Fixed Spray Heads	Rotor Heads	Rotary Nozzles	Manual Sprinklers
January–April	Water trees/shrubs as needed.			
May	12	24	30	18
June	17	35	43	26
July	18	36	45	27
August	14	27	34	20
September	11	23	28	17
October–December	Water trees/shrubs as needed.			

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Visit denverwater.org/Lawn for more information and tips.

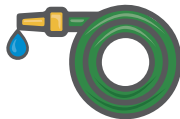
Climate change is water change

Our communities know life is better with water. Together, we have always risen to challenges by reducing water use. Following the watering rules is the right thing to do in our dry climate and helps preserve reservoir levels, reducing the risk of additional water restrictions in the future.

Photo Credit: Plant Select, Fire Spinner Ice Plant.

Report water waste

If you see water waste that does not follow these rules, call Denver Water at **303-893-2444** or report it online at **denverwater.org**.



Rules for watering new seed and sod

Denver Water customers with newly planted seed or sod may water the new turf as necessary for up to 21 days. After 21 days, the seed or sod is subject to outdoor watering rules. To submit your request for a 21-day watering rules exemption, **303-893-2444** or email **CustomerCare@denverwater.org**.

Follow these simple summer watering rules from May 1 to Oct. 1.

The watering rules incorporate best practices for efficient outdoor water use that will help keep your landscape healthy. It's a simple way for you to help protect our water supply now and in the future.



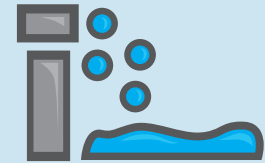
1. Water during cooler times of the day — lawn watering is NOT allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.



2. Water no more than three days per week.



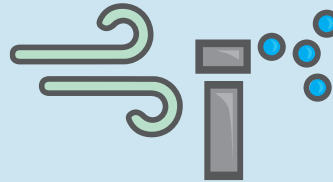
3. Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.



4. Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.



5. Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.



6. Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.



7. Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.