

10 easy ways to save water in your garden



1. Cycle & soak

Use the cycle and soak method for watering your lawn and landscape. For fixed and pop-up spray sprinklers, water three cycles per day, four to six minutes each cycle. Schedule start times one hour apart. If you have rotating sprinklers, water three cycles per day, 10 to 12 minutes each cycle.

2. Adjust watering

Shrubs, or lawn in shade (north/east side of your house), will generally require up to 50 percent less water than the same plants in full sun (south/west side). Adjust your watering to account for different microclimates in your garden.

3. Water early

Don't water during the middle of the day. This can scorch the leaves. It's best to water in the early morning as the sun is rising and temperatures are cool.

4. Check your sprinklers

Check your irrigation system every couple of weeks for broken or misaligned sprinkler heads. This can save a significant amount of water and keep your landscape looking great!

5. Manage your timer

Every two to four weeks, adjust the watering schedule to reflect changes in the weather. Reducing the watering schedule by one-minute on each sprinkler station can save more than 50 gallons per day!



6. Reduce your lawn

Reduce the size of your water-thirsty lawn and replace it with water-efficient low-maintenance plants.

7. Mow

Mow lawns to 2 1/2 to 3-inches during the summer. This will improve the quality of the lawn and reduce water demand.

8. Mulch

Mulch is the little-noticed workhorse of many smart gardeners' landscapes. Maintain a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic mulch in all planting areas.

9. Use a broom

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and save up to 80 gallons of water every time.

10. Aerate

Aerate your lawn. This allows water and oxygen to get to the roots. You can either leave the soil plugs on the lawn or remove them to another part of the garden.

