WATERING YOUR LANDSCAPE

Sprinklers on automatic timers are allowed to water before 10 AM and after 7 PM as follows:

Spring/Summer Watering: Mar 1 to Oct 31
- Even Numbered Address: Wednesday and Sunday
- Odd Numbered Address: Tuesday and Saturday

Winter/Fall Watering: Nov 1 to Feb 28
- Even Numbered Address: Saturday or Sunday (Pick 1)
- Odd Numbered Address: Saturday or Sunday (Pick 1)

*There are no time restrictions placed on the winter/fall watering schedule.

WATERING IS ALLOWED ANY DAY FOR:
- Hand watering
- Edible gardens or potted plants
- Car washing (with a shut off nozzle)
- Drip irrigation systems and soaker hoses
- Smart Controller systems (verified by Utilities staff, programmed to water before 10am and after 7pm) ***
- New landscapes for 30 days after installation

***Any two days of the week.

HEATWAVE EXEMPTION

When there are two or more consecutive days of the temperature equaling or exceeding 100 degrees. Landscapes are exempt from watering schedule restrictions.

REMEMBER
- No watering 40 hours after measurable rainfall
- Do not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, gutters or patios
- Do not allow water to runoff from properties
- Fountains and water features must recirculate the water

WATERING WISELY & TREE CARE

- Watering multiple times for shorter periods on fewer days encourage roots to grow deeper. Overwatering can lead to fungus, a shallow root system and water runoff.
- Do the "screwdriver test". Stick an eight-inch screwdriver into the ground. If you can push it more than three inches into the ground, you don’t need to water.
- Avoid runoff. Stop watering before runoff or puddling occurs.
- Cycle the system. Wait 30-60 minutes to allow for last irrigation cycle to soak into the soil.
- Use soaker hoses or drip emitters to water.
- Add organic mulch - 4" from trunk and 6" deep.
- Calculate your irrigation run times.

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Email waterconservation@cityofsacramento.org or call 916-808-5605 to request variances from these requirements. Variance requests are considered and approved by Director of Utilities on a case-by-case basis.