

A field of yellow cosmos flowers with green foliage, set against a bright, clear sky. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds.

2009 SUMMER WATERING RULES & TIPS

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Denver Water's 2009 Summer Water Use program is effective May 1 to Oct. 1.

As spring flowers begin to bloom, it's important to remember that we live in a semi-arid climate and must always use water wisely. Enclosed are watering rules, times, tips and tools to help you use only what you need and make wise water use a normal way of life.

How low can you go?

Try shaving two minutes off each zone of your sprinkler system. If everyone did this, we would save about 900 million gallons of water a year. That would fill more than 40,000 semi trailers and help ensure sufficient water supplies for future generations.

Feeling an information overload? Don't worry. These rules and many more conservation tips are available on denverwater.org.

Watering Rules

In 2009, Denver Water will continue to enforce watering rules, so please use water wisely.

- Water during cooler times of day. Lawn watering is NOT allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not use spray irrigation during rain or strong winds.

REPORT WATER WASTE

If you see water waste in Denver parks (water use that doesn't meet the rules above), call 3-1-1 to report the waste. To report water waste anywhere else, call Denver Water at 303-893-2444.

THE MORE YOU USE, THE MORE YOU PAY

Water rates increased for 2009. Follow these rules and guidelines to reduce waste and save money. For more information on Denver Water's rates, visit denverwater.org.



These rules are mandatory. Penalties are:

1st violation – warning

2nd violation – \$50 fine

3rd violation – \$100 fine

Continued violations can result in suspension of service.

Watering Days and Times

Recommended watering times change as summer weather heats up and cools down, so keep this chart handy. Watering two days a week should be sufficient during most of the summer. If needed, water a third day 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 more than three days a week.




Use this chart to determine the number of minutes to water each zone on the days you water.

Get to know your timer. Never set it and forget it.

These times are averages. Adjust your watering minutes based on rainfall, type of grass or plants, sunny or shady locations and other characteristics of your yard. **If your lawn looks healthy, try reducing these times by two minutes per zone.**

Remember, no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For more precise information, visit denverwater.org and click on *Irrigation for Home Landscapes*.

WATERING MONTHS	MINUTES TO WATER PER ZONE (for lawn, based on three days per week)		
	Fixed Spray Heads	Rotor Heads	Manual Sprinklers
 JAN-APRIL	Water trees and shrubs as needed		
MAY	13	29	20
JUNE	20	43	30
JULY	23	50	35
AUGUST	20	43	30
SEPTEMBER	13	29	20
OCT-DEC	Water trees and shrubs as needed		

Use Only What You Need

Here are some simple tips for outdoor watering to help you use only what you need.

1. Check soil moisture before you water.

Your lawn may not be as thirsty as you think. Tip: Walk across your lawn. Look back for footprints.

If you don't see any, your lawn doesn't need water.

2. Change the time setting on your automatic controller each month.

Once a month, adjust the clock on your irrigation system to the correct watering times (see chart). As you get to know your landscape needs, try shaving two minutes off a few zones and save even more water. You can maintain a healthy lawn with less water, and adjusting the watering times based on seasonal weather conditions helps you use only what you need.

3. Cycle water: 5 minutes on, 5 minutes off.

Regulate your water usage with an inexpensive, easy-to-use hose timer. Install the timer between the spigot and the hose. Some timers allow cyclical watering – 5 minutes on, 5 minutes off – so that water penetrates the soil, creating a healthier lawn with less water. For clay soils and slopes, eliminate runoff by applying water for a short time, such as 5 minutes, allowing water to soak in. Repeat this cycle until soil is saturated, never longer than 30 minutes.

4. Don't water during rain or strong winds.

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, consider installing a rainfall sensor to prevent your system from watering in the rain. Denver Water offers rebates worth \$25 to \$50 for these devices. Wind is an enemy of spray irrigation. It speeds evaporation, and water blows away from intended landscapes. Wait for winds to die down.

5. Add a weather-based smart controller to your irrigation system – especially if you have a large lot.

Evapotranspiration (ET) is a measure of water lost from soil by evaporation and transpiration (usage by plants). A weather-based smart controller, or ET controller, can be added to your system so watering is based on ET readings. By taking into account air temperature, relative humidity, solar radiation, wind and natural rainfall, an ET controller calculates the degree of evapotranspiration and allocates the proper amount of water for your lawn.

Contact your irrigation or landscape service provider to help with purchase and installation.

Rebate information for these devices is on the next page.



Money-Saving Rebates

Earn rebates on rain sensors, weather-based smart controllers and more!

Denver Water offers rebates to residential customers on purchases made between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2009. Specific models are eligible. Additional rules and requirements may apply.

IRRIGATION PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR REBATES	REBATE AMOUNT
Wireless rain sensors	\$50
Rain sensors	\$25
Weather-Based Smart Controllers	25% of purchase price
New! Irrigation Rotary Nozzles <i>These new sprinkler heads use less water than fixed-spray heads</i>	\$5 per nozzle; \$20 minimum

Indoor rebates and commercial incentives

Rebates also are available for water-saving clothes washers and toilets. And, special incentives are available for commercial customers and homeowners associations.

For rebate rules, eligibility requirements, lists of eligible products and application forms, visit denverwater.org. Or call our Conservation hot line at 303-628-6343 and request a rebate form. Please specify rebate item(s) of interest.

En Español

Este documento contiene información del horario y reglamento de riego de Denver Water para el verano del 2009. Con este horario esperamos poderle ayudar a usar sólo la cantidad de agua que usted necesita. Por favor léalo detalladamente ya que Denver Water va a imponer las reglas de riego y lo puede multar si usted está desperdiciando agua.

Denver Water ofrece consejos e información de cómo ahorrar agua. Si usted quiere acceso a esta información en español, llame a Servicio al Cliente al 303-893-2444.

REGAMENTO DE RIEGO

En el 2009, Denver Water va a ser más estricto en imponerle a sus clientes a acogerse a estas reglas de riego por lo tanto use el agua inteligentemente.

- Riegue durante las horas más frescas del día. No se permite regar el césped entre las 10 a.m. y las 6 p.m.
- No permita que el agua se deposite en las alcantarillas, calles o callejones.
- No desperdicie el agua regando áreas pavimentadas, concreto o asfalto.
- Repare los sistemas de riego antes de que se cumplan 10 días de haberse descompuesto o quebrado.
- No irrigue con rociador cuando llueve o cuando hay viento.

Estas reglas son obligatorias. Las multas por violaciones son:

1ra violación – un aviso

2da violación – multa de \$50

3ra violación – multa \$100

Más violaciones pueden resultar en que se le suspenda su servicio.

ENTRE MÁS USE, MÁS PAGA

Las tarifas de agua subieron para el año 2009. Siga estas reglas y guía y usted reducirá el desperdicio y ahorrará dinero.

DÍAS Y HORAS DE RIEGO

Las horas de riego cambian conforme la temperatura en el verano calienta y luego enfrían. Regar dos veces por semana debe ser suficiente durante la mayor parte del verano. Si usted necesita puede agregar un tercer día de riego en casos de calor extremo o periodos muy secos.

Recuerde que no hay días de riego asignados.

