



Living Water

Lawn & Tree Care™



Watering Fact Sheet

When & How?

If it does not rain frequently and substantially, you need to water! We notice a lot of dry lawns all season long. Sprinklers should be turned on by May 1st or earlier if the weather is dry and/or warm for a long period. It is also very important to keep mower blades sharp and to raise mow height to between 2-1/2" to 3" during the summer and water on a regular basis.

There are different ways to water depending on your soil composition.

North & Valley: North Spokane from Wellesley north is sandy soil and requires frequent but not extremely deep watering. In warm weather 65-78 degrees water 3-4 times a week, 78-86 degrees 4-6 times a week, and in 86 degrees and above 5-7 times a week. In some extreme cases more than once a day is needed! Deep watering in general is a waste in sandy soil. Save water and money! The same is true for the rocky river bed soil as in the valley. Shorter duration and greater frequency with watering will be most beneficial.

South: South Spokane is generally loamy soil with varying degrees of clay. Deep, less frequent watering works well. In warm weather 65-78 degrees; 2-3 times a week, 78-86 degrees; 3-4 times a week, and 86 degrees and above; 4-6 times a week.

Idaho: Coeur d'Alene and Hayden Lake 78-86 degrees 3-4 times per week and Post Falls 3-5 times per week. These are general watering recommendations, please refer to watering tips below for more information.

Other Watering Tips:

You can use an empty tuna can to determine how much water your lawn is getting and whether you need to increase or decrease watering duration or frequency. With average watering of 20-30 minutes per station, you should have at least 1/2 inch of water in the can.

These instructions are all weather dependent; if there is a consistent rain, watering needs will be less. Occasional rain should not change your watering schedule. Consistently windy conditions will dry out your lawn as well. Your lawn will let you know when it is not getting enough water. With sufficient watering, your lawn should not appear yellow, brown or dry in patches. When the turf becomes stressed it is more susceptible to fungus and disease, so it is best to keep a heads up on watering.

Please remember these are general recommendations and may not apply to your turf. This information can help you get the most out of our lawn programs and assure the best possible stand of turf, despite changing weather conditions.

Give us a call at 1-800-LAWNCARE if you have any questions.

Commit your work to the Lord & it will succeed - Proverbs 16:3