

# How Much Should I Water and Mow?

Before the true heat of the summer hits, it is recommended that residents do the following to maintain healthy lawns and landscaping while also being good consumers of water.

## When Should I Water?

Early mornings (5 a.m. - 10 a.m.). This will allow the water to soak into the dirt and to the roots, will avoid water loss due to evaporation and will give the grass time to dry out. Watering in the evening when the lawn isn't allowed to dry out some could cause disease in the grass.

## How Much Should I Water?

During the summer, water each section heavily at least twice a week if less than one inch rainfall.

## How Often Should I Mow?

It's important to keep the right grass length to maintain a healthy and stress-free lawn. The grass should be taller during the summer months, which will allow for deeper root growth and cover from the sun. The insulation also allows for the soil to maintain its moisture better. The general rule of thumb is to keep the grass roughly the same height as a soda can turned on its side.

## Should I Bag Grass Clippings or Leave Them?

Another important aspect of mowing for the health of your lawn is the mulch that is produced afterwards. The mulch should be spread throughout your yard evenly. This mulch helps retain moisture and returns nutrients to the grass and soil. This also ties in with maintaining the proper mowing schedule and grass height. If the grass gets too tall then the amount of mulch produced could smother the grass similar to fallen tree leaves in the late fall and winter.

## An Ounce of Care is Worth A Pound of Cure

The trick to having a lush and healthy lawn that will be the envy of the neighborhood this summer just takes care and attention. It can be boiled down to proper watering and mowing. Make sure the grass is getting the proper amount of water at the right time, and ensure that the grass stays at the correct length. Those two easy steps will keep your neighbors thinking the grass really is greener on the other side of the fence.

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