



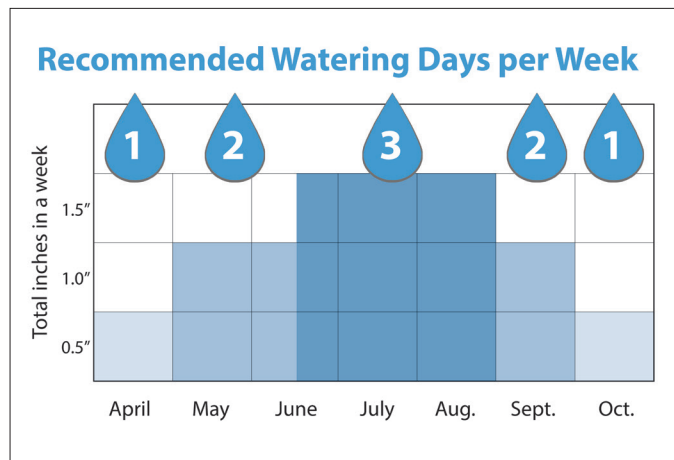
Use water wisely with these simple tips

Stage I Voluntary Water Shortage

Currently, mandatory water restrictions are not in effect in Colorado Springs. Drought or not, water is always an essential resource, so we encourage you to use these tips as you continue to use water wisely.

Recommendations include:

- **Water no more than three days per week.** In summer shoulder months, fewer days are needed as shown in the graphic on this page.
- Adjust sprinklers so your lawn is watered, not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Water in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption. Learn about this technique by watching a short video on cycle soak irrigation.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- Check the root zone of your lawn or garden for moisture before watering using a spade or trowel. If it's still moist two inches under the soil surface, you still have enough water.
- Choose shrubs and ground covers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- Spread a layer of organic mulch around plants to retain moisture.



Water according to the season

As a general rule, you can maintain a healthy landscape and responsibly manage your water use with these water times per zone:

Pop-up sprinklers	20 minutes
Hose-end sprinklers	20 minutes
Rotating sprinklers	45 minutes
Rotary nozzles	60 minutes

Seasonal best management practices for healthy drought-tolerant grass

- Use slow-release fertilizer and fertilize less often — just May and October.
- In spring, core-aerate turf grass to allow the water to penetrate into the soil.
- Tune up your sprinkler system and check it often to ensure that water is not hitting the pavement.
- Set the mower to the highest setting and mow during the cool part of the day to encourage a longer root system.



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	Inside city cost per CF	Outside city cost per CF
Up to 999 CF	\$0.0349 per CF	\$0.0524 per CF
1,000 to 2,499 CF	\$0.0654 per CF	\$0.0981 per CF
2,500 CF or more	\$0.0988 per CF	\$0.1482 per CF

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	Inside city	Outside city
Service charge per day (less than 2-inch meter)	\$1.3120	\$1.9680
Commodity charge Nov. through April per CF	\$0.0327	\$0.0498
Commodity charge May through Oct. per CF	\$0.0605	\$0.0909

CF = cubic feet
One CF = 7.48 gallons