



Tips for saving water on the lawn:

1. **Give the sprinkler a rest sometimes.** In Texas, we tend to water our lawns much too often for much too long. Leave your lawn alone once in a while and it will do fine—maybe even better.
2. **Don't water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.** Up to 30 percent of the water sprayed on lawns during the heat of the day can be lost to evaporation. So it's much cooler to water when it's cooler.
3. **Inch toward conservation.** Apply just an inch of water to your lawn once a week during the summer. That will encourage deeper root systems and make for healthier grass.
4. **Cycle and soak to avoid runoff.** It takes a while for water to soak into our North Texas clay soils. Rather than running your spray heads for long periods of time, try running zones in shorter bursts, with one hour between cycles. That'll give the water time to soak in instead of running off.
5. **Be sensitive – use rain and freeze sensors.** They will trigger automatic sprinkler systems to shut off during downpours or when temperatures dip near freezing. And they could reduce your outdoor water use by 5 to 10 percent.
6. **Turn your system off after a good rain.** Why duplicate what Mother Nature just provided for free? Even better—put your sprinkler system in manual mode and water only as needed.
7. **Install a "smart" controller:** that's an irrigation clock that automatically adjusts run times in response to weather conditions.
8. **Check your irrigation system regularly.** Fix leaks or damaged sprinkler heads and make sure they're aimed at the landscape, not the street or sidewalk.
9. **Don't be a scalper.** Taller grass holds moisture better and slows down evaporation. Leaving lawn clippings on your lawn does the same and also returns valuable nutrients to the soil.
10. **Tip of the Day:** A good rule is to set a small sized tuna can in the area and once it fills up the yard is properly watered.