

Lawn Watering

Ways to Conserve Water

Grand Rapids Public Utilities would like to educate property owners on ways to maximize the use of watering outdoors during times of drought. Below are some tips on how to water your lawn and landscapes efficiently.



EFFICIENT LAWN WATERING

- Water landscapes and lawns in the early morning hours before temperatures rise. You lose approximately 40% of your water to evaporation while watering during the heat of the day. Watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. should not occur unless you have fresh new sod, newly planted landscapes, or new seeded areas.
- Lawns need around 1-inch of water per week. Deep soaking watering is better than frequent watering with less water.
- Watering one time per week will sufficiently keep your lawn healthy even if it is not all green. Grass goes dormant with heat (typically it does not die).
- Mow grass at a higher level of 3-4 inches in length. Do not mow if temperatures are high. It is okay to let grass grow during dry periods. It will stay healthy.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM USERS

- Run zones every other day to reduce your need. Most irrigation systems are putting well over the 1-inch of water needed per week to sustain a healthy lawn and landscape. If you do not know how to change the setting on an automatic sprinkler system, there are many online tools to help you, including the Minnesota DNR website and YouTube.
- Ensure sprinkler heads are properly positioned so water is not wasted on sidewalks or roadways.
- Turn off sprinklers when it is raining.



These are just a few tips that the staff at Grand Rapids Public Utilities would like to see users practice, not only to save money, but to assist the GRPU in water conservation. Thank you!



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