

Water Savings - Summer Irrigation



July and August can have less rainfall than other months throughout the year which can present problems for maintaining our landscapes. On average we use about 30% to 60% more water in the Summer than we do other times of the year. Usually 50% of that is wasted due to overwatering.

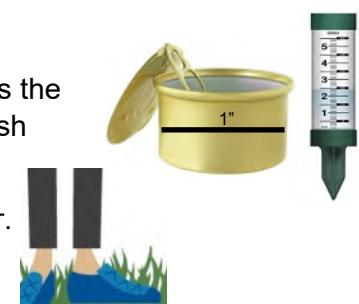
Simple things we all can do to save water outside include:

Your lawn only needs one inch of water per week, which includes the rain. Use a rain gauge or upcycle shallow containers (like tuna fish cans) and mark an inch on its side.

Step on the lawn; if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.



Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced soil moisture evaporation and fewer weeds.



Take a sprinkler break; grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.



Turfgrass can be part of a water-efficient landscape with right plant selection and management. A few easy steps can help keep turfgrass healthy and save water. Whether you use your lawn for recreation or curb-appeal just follow these simple practices to create your own healthy lawn while saving water outdoors and on your utility bill.



Raise the mowing height to promote longer and deeper roots.



Aerate the soil to allow for more air and water to mix and maintain soil health.



Grass clippings are a good source of natural fertilizer.



Use WaterSense labeled spray sprinkler bodies to efficiently and evenly irrigate.



Schedule your irrigation using a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller.



GET RIGHT TO THE ROOTS

Microirrigation provides water directly to plant roots at a **lower flow rate**, allowing the water to soak into the soil and **reducing runoff**. Consider hiring an **irrigation professional** to help design your microirrigation system.

When Landscaping consider a Jersey-Friendly Yard



Jersey-Friendly Yards is packed with information and resources to guide you through steps to a healthier yard. Learn how to maintain healthy soil, reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides, conserve water, and create habitat for wildlife. A healthy yard means a healthier environment and a healthier Barnegat Bay and Metedeconk Watershed!



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