

SUMMER IRRIGATION REMINDERS

Did you know? Outdoor water use accounts for 50-80% of home water use in the summer months. By following a few simple steps, you can keep your grass green and your water bill low all summer long!



INSPECT

Turn on your sprinkler system for a few minutes to check for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads and/or nozzles.



CONNECT

Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes/hoses. If water is pooling in your landscape or you have large soggy areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen (1/32 of an inch) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.



DIRECT

Are you watering the driveway, house, or sidewalk instead of your yard? Simply turn the nozzle by hand to redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.



SELECT

An improperly scheduled irrigation controller and worn-out sprinkler parts can waste a lot of water and money. Update your system with a WaterSense labeled controller and other parts, such as pressure-regulated sprinkler bodies and nozzles. You can also take the guesswork out of scheduling by keeping your controller on 'Manual' and only running your sprinklers based on the weekly recommendations from WaterMyYard.org, which are given in minutes of runtime.

NEW BUILD? If you've recently moved into a new home, be sure to check your irrigation system. The irrigation systems on new builds will often have timers set higher than they should be. By lowering the timer on your irrigation system, you can lower your future water bills and protect your lawn from over-watering.

Source: Upper Trinity Regional Water District

