





2. In Utah, average high temperatures during the growing season reach 90 to 100 degrees F. The recommended application rate of water is one-half inch per irrigation. Mark a line one-half inch from the bottom of the container. Turn on the water and observe how long it takes to fill the containers to the marks. This provides the amount of time it will take for the homeowner to apply the recommended amount of irrigation water. Three or more irrigation cycles, with an hour break in between each cycle, are also recommended when applying one-half inch of water. This program will account for different soil types and will prevent run off as well as deep percolation of irrigation water.

Example: Most time clocks have an option to make it easier to set up the cycles. The irrigation test may indicate that 21 minutes of irrigation are needed to apply one-half inches of water. Dividing 21 minutes by 3 irrigation cycles requires that three cycles of 7 minutes each should be applied with one hour of soak time in between each cycle.

3. Plants use less water in the spring and fall than in the summer and irrigation frequency should be adjusted to accommodate these differences. Following this schedule can save you as much as

half of your yearly water usage. Common sense habits like turning your sprinklers off during rainstorms or adding a rain shutoff device to your system is also an important part of the equation. Following this schedule will, in an average weather year, supply as much water as your lawn needs

It is possible to save water and have a healthy lawn. Take some time to train yourself and your lawn to be consistently efficient. The results will be worth it. Remember, for every unnecessary irrigation that is eliminated you will save enough water for about 104 showers, 52 baths, 52 loads of laundry, or 312 toilet flushes.

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Irrigation Schedule	
Month	Interval
Startup until April 30	Once every 7 days
May	Once every 4 days
June	Once every 3 days
July	Once every 3 days
August	Once every 3 days
September	Once every 6 days
October 1 to shutdown	Once every 12 days



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