

# Why should you wait to water your lawn?

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SALT LAKE CITY — Utah water managers say most Utahns don't need to water their lawns until mid-May, at the earliest, following another good winter for most parts of the state.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Utah water experts advise delaying lawn watering until next month.
- Watering too early can hinder root growth and increase drought stress on lawns.
- Switching to native plants and water-efficient grasses can reduce water usage in the state.

Residents should wait until about Mother's Day, or when high temperatures regularly reach the 70s, Candice Hasenyager, director of the Utah Division of Water Resources, said in a state water conditions update last week. According to the division's weekly watering guide, Washington and Grand counties are the only exceptions, as [southwest and southeast Utah continue to deal with drought](#).

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