



Top 10 Outdoor Water Saving Tips

1. **Pick Two Days Per Week.** During the summer, lawns only need to be watered two days a week. In extreme summer heat, add one more day to your weekly picks. Spreading out your watering days makes for a more drought tolerant lawn.
2. **Water. Rest. Repeat.** Break the amount of watering time for each zone into two or three shorter cycles. This will allow water to soak deeper into the soil. Watering this way encourages deeper grass roots.
3. **Adjust Monthly.** Every month, check the timer on your sprinkler system to make sure it follows recommended watering times.
4. **Mow less.** Adjust your lawn mower blade to leave grass two and a half to three inches tall.
5. **Much Mulch.** Putting a layer of mulch around your trees and plants cuts down on evaporation and can save hundreds of gallons a month.
6. **Complete Lawn Care.** Aerate your lawn annually so water will reach the roots instead of running off the surface. Properly fertilize to feed your lawn's roots the nutrients they need to be green and healthy.
7. **Pick Your Grasses and Plants.** Learn more about the right types of native grasses and plants that prefer less water. Look for Plant Select labeled plants, grasses and trees.
8. **Fix Leaks Quick.** Check regularly for leaks in your sprinkler equipment or pool/spa structure, and fix them as soon as possible.
9. **Sweep It Up.** Use a broom instead of the hose when cleaning driveway, patios and sidewalks.
10. **Get an Inspection.** Sign up for a free Irrigation Inspection. Go to ThorntonWater.com to find out how to sign up today or call 720-977-6600.