



# Suncoast Turf Care & Pest Mgt. Watering Instructions

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## **Watering restrictions...one day per week**

**You can grow a good quality lawn that will survive with less watering, if you prepare your lawn and landscape now!**

A properly prepared lawn will develop a deep and extensive root system, which increases drought survival.

**Proper watering practices are critical. You should water less often, but for longer time.**

### **Adjust your irrigation system right away!**

- Place several straight sided cans (e.g. tuna cans, pet food cans, etc) randomly in the first zone that is watered
- let your system run for 15 minutes, then measure the amount of water collected in each can
- adjust your time clock so that it will deliver  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch of water to the zone
- repeat this procedure in each irrigation zone

### **Let your lawn tell you when it is thirsty! Watch for these signs that your lawn needs water:**

- the blades of grass fold in half
- the lawn changes color to a dull bluish-grey
- footprints remain long after walking on the lawn

### **You can save more water in your yard by:**

- raising your lawnmower blade to mow your lawn at 3 – 4 inches in height. Your lawn will develop a deeper root system and be better able to survive drought

### **Check your sprinkler system regularly**

- clean sprinkler heads if clogged
- adjust sprinkler heads to keep them from watering the driveway, sidewalk or road
- replace broken or missing sprinkler heads