



City of ARVADA

April, 2007

Voluntary Summer Lawn Watering Guidelines

Dear Water Customer:







Our water supplies are adequate and mandatory watering restrictions will not be required in 2007.

We are requesting that all water customers, including the City's parks and other facilities, comply with the following summer watering guidelines. At this time there are no mandatory restrictions for water uses, but the City is asking that everybody help to conserve water at all times.

Water Your Lawn Only When Necessary! Try to limit watering to twice a week

The high use summer irrigation period is where we can save the most water, and this season is only a few months long. Our drought experience has shown that lawns do very well being watered about twice a week, but during the hottest part of the summer a third day may be needed.

We urge everyone to use the following 2 day-per-week summer watering schedule:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Residential home addresses ending in an odd-number		3 rd watering day, if needed		 Primary Watering day			 Primary Watering Day
Residential home addresses ending in an even-number	 Primary Watering day		3 rd watering day, if needed		 Primary Watering day		
All others – commercial, HOA's, common areas, etc.	3 rd watering day, if needed		 Primary Watering day			 Primary Watering day	

Note: If the weather turns hot and dry, a 3rd watering day may be needed.

If the above watering schedule doesn't fit into your weekly calendar, please select the schedule that will work for you.



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Don't Water Between the Hours of 10 AM to 6 PM

The hot period of the day is the least efficient time to water because much of the water quickly evaporates. Irrigating during the cooler part of the day or at night minimizes this loss.

Watering Time per Zone

Your lawn needs less water in the spring and fall. The watering time per zone time should vary depending on the weather conditions. The following suggested watering time periods should keep your lawn healthy and green. Remember that some of your zones may require more watering time than others depending on soil conditions, sun exposure, etc., so adjust as needed.

	<u>Stationary Sprinkler Heads</u>	<u>Rotating Sprinkler Heads</u>
May	11 Minutes	22 Minutes
June	17 Minutes	34 Minutes
July	20 Minutes	40 Minutes
August	17 Minutes	34 Minutes
September	11 Minutes	22 Minutes

Cycle & Soak Watering Method

Our soils contain a large amount of clay, making it tough for water to soak in very fast. The cycle and soak technique can be an efficient method for irrigating lawns. If you water your grass 3 times for 4 minutes each time, with an hour between cycles, your lawn will actually absorb more water than if you let the sprinklers run for 12 minutes straight.

The above practices should enable you to use less water and have a great looking lawn. We hope you will use these techniques and help conserve our water supplies. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James M. Sullivan
Utilities Manager