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**SET IRRIGATION CLOCKS TO SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE**  
***Summer watering schedule begins June 1. Save money and water by complying.***

The Washington County Water Conservancy District (district) reminds local home and business owners that the summer watering schedule begins June 1 and is effective through August 31. Set sprinkler and drip irrigation to run three days per week in the evening and early morning hours, between 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., in accordance with city time-of-day watering ordinances. Hand watering is recommended for dry areas.

“We need to be efficient when watering our landscapes,” said Ron Thompson, general manager of the district. “Like other desert communities, approximately half of our residential water is used outdoors. In a water year like this one – with our sole source of water only producing 20-30 percent of its normal supply – we must be more water conscious.”

Grass, plants, trees and shrubs are all healthier when they’re watered deeply but infrequently, which is why the district recommends watering three times a week using the cycle and soak method.

To implement the cycle and soak method on turf grass, run sprinklers for three distinct cycles, each about one hour apart for a few minutes per cycle. This allows water to soak deep into the lawn’s roots and also avoids run-off and water waste.

The same guiding principles apply for drip emitters on plants, trees and shrubs: water deeply and infrequently so water reaches the roots. How much water you should apply or how long you should run the cycle depends on the type of drip emitters.

Home and business owners are also encouraged to check sprinklers for overspray and adjust as needed. Drip emitters should be checked for clogs and leaks.

From now through September 30, Washington County residents are eligible for a free, in-home water check provided by the district. Residents can call 435.673.3617 to schedule an appointment for a conservation specialist to test your irrigation system and provide a customized watering schedule.

***About Washington County Water Conservancy District***

The Washington County Water Conservancy District is a not-for-profit public agency established in 1962 to manage Southern Utah’s regional water needs. The district oversees the development, stabilization, management, acquisition and conservation of water resources in Washington County in an ongoing effort to provide a safe, reliable water supply for current and future generations. Visit [www.wcvcd.org](http://www.wcvcd.org) for more information.