

The Villages



WATER WISDOM

SMART MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN

Skip Your Watering Days

In the summer, lawns only need watering once every 5 to 7 days. During rainy periods, you can turn your irrigation system off completely. It is not uncommon to receive enough rainfall during our rainy, summer months to leave your irrigation system off for weeks or a month at a time. Locate your irrigation timer in your garage. Looking at your timer, it is a simple process to flip the timer switch to "OFF". Should your lawn show signs of stress from lack of water (see below), switch back to "RUN" to continue with normal operations. Irrigating only when your lawn shows signs of stress encourages deeper root growth, which will help to develop more drought tolerant lawns and landscape.

Signs of stress include:

- Lingering footprints or mower tracks.
- Grass or leaf blades beginning to close lengthwise.
- Top few inches of soil feeling dry.

The Villages Water Wisdom program aims to help you become a *Water Wise* resident and a better steward of our precious water resources. For an updated irrigation schedule, please visit the Water Wisdom website.