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WATER WISDOM

SMART MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN

Watch the Weather, Wait to Water

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is encouraging residents who irrigate their lawns to “watch the weather, wait to water” during the months of July, August and September.

According to research by the University of Florida, an average of three-quarters of an inch of water every three to five days is enough to replenish the grass during the summer. In fact, Florida receives an average rainfall of 53 inches a year, and most of that falls between June and September, so residents can operate their irrigation systems manually during the rainy summer months.

Research also shows that saturating the root zone and then letting the soil dry encourages healthy, deep root growth. Overwatering makes your lawn less drought-tolerant and can encourage pests. Additional research about efficient irrigation and other landscaping topics can be found on the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension web site at www.fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/ifaspubs.htm/

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