

Guide to Assigned-Day Watering and Lawn Care

Lawns and other plants need strong root systems to stay healthy. This guide is designed to help you keep your yard green and healthy throughout the year, while encouraging responsible water use at all times.

During the summer demand on the water system is extremely high. Our customers' water usage increases on average about 1,000,000 gallons per day system wide. Outdoor watering is the primary reason for this increase. Therefore, it is especially important for all customers to manage their usage during the summer. The Assigned-Day watering program is the cornerstone for efficient water management throughout the year. A direct benefit of the program is the balance and management of peak-day consumption throughout our water system. This will help AVCSD avoid costly expansions that would increase rates for all of our customers. As an added bonus, responsible water use at home and at work saves money on your water bill.

When preparing and irrigating your yard throughout the year, be sure to follow these helpful tips. You will keep your landscape healthy and water demands down for the entire community, all while saving money on your bill.

Questions?

For more information, please call our office during normal business hours.



Please no watering between noon and 6.p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Mondays are a **no-watering day** to replenish and maintain the water system.

Please don't water when it's raining or windy, or when temperatures are too high.

Check your irrigation clock routinely and adjust according to watering needs



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American Valley CSD is a Special District overseen by elected officials within the District's boundaries.



Water on Your Assigned Days.

If the last number in your address is even (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If the last number in your address is odd (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. No watering between noon and 6 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Mondays are a **no-watering** day to replenish and maintain the system.

How Often to Water?

When temperatures are mild (in the 60s and 70s), watering one day a week is all your landscape needs. As temperatures rise (80s and 90s), watering on your assigned days is recommended. Please do not water when it's windy or during the heat of the day. Not only can this burn your lawn, but evaporation is high.

Lawn Care Throughout The Year

The way you water will greatly affect the health of your landscape during the growing season.

Spring



This is the time to encourage deep root growth— usually in April and May. Water deeply once every other week to start, then water deeply once each week. Be sure to water using the “Water and Wait” method—on one of your assigned days. Older lawns may need de-thatching and aerating to help roots absorb water and nutrients

Summer



By June, your landscape will be conditioned and ready for Assigned-Day watering through August. Be sure to continue using the “Water & Wait” method— and only water on your assigned days.

Fall



September and October are the cool down months used to prepare your landscape for its winter rest. It's best to water one day a week, tapering off to every other week as colder weather approaches. A balanced fertilizer will also help your lawn develop stronger roots and store nutrients over the winter period.

Winter



From November through March, your lawn and plants will be dormant. Remember to water trees and shrubs only if there has been no rain or snow for more than a month and only if the ground is not frozen.

Water and Wait:

Water...

Water until puddles form or just before runoff begins. Then turn off the sprinklers. For sloped yards where runoff begins within minutes, we recommend short run times more often through your watering day.

And Wait

Let the water soak down to the roots, waiting about one to two hours. Repeat this process until the water reaches a depth of six to eight inches. Measure by inserting a screwdriver into the soil. It will easily go in as deep as there is moisture.

What to do if you have a leak?

American Valley CSD has on-call staff 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Customers and/or plumbers are not authorized to enter the meter box. Please contact American Valley CSD to turn your water off or on. There is no charge for this service.

For emergency services, please call:

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