

Deciding how much to water your yard can be tricky, especially during a drought. That's why Livermore Municipal Water has created this handy "How Much Water Does My Yard Need" Guide. Use this as a resource to ensure your garden is not overwatered.

Along with following this guide, there are additional ways that you can save water. Rebates are available for converting your lawn to low-water landscaping and installing new "smart" irrigation controllers. Learn more at www.livermoreca.gov/rebates.

How to Use this Guide

Find the irrigation system that is the most similar to the one in your yard. Use the suggested watering schedule as a starting point and adjust as needed.

This guide shows the maximum amount of irrigation recommended for our current drought conditions. It is essential that we all save as much water as possible, so watering less than this guide shows is encouraged.

Livermore's Current Watering Restrictions

Keep Livermore's watering restrictions in mind when determining when to irrigate. Visit www.livermoreca.gov/drought for the most up-to-date information.

WATERING DAYS – Livermore properties with odd-numbered street addresses can only water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Properties with even-numbered street addresses can only water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

WATERING TIMES – No sprinkler irrigation is allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Other types of irrigation like drip systems and hand watering can be used at any time on approved watering days, but irrigating at night or in early morning is still recommended to reduce evaporation.

Adjustments to Keep in Mind

PRIORITIZE WATERING YOUR TREES – Trees grow slowly and provide natural cooling, habitat, and erosion control that cannot easily be replaced. Prioritize watering them over other plants in your yard. Learn more about caring for trees during droughts at www.livermoreca.gov/drought-tree-care.

NEW PLANTS – New plantings may need more frequent watering than what is listed in this guide.

REPEAT CYCLES – Livermore's clay soil absorbs water slowly. Prevent runoff by watering in multiple short cycles. If you are watering plants on a slope, you may need to break the irrigation time into additional shorter cycles than what is listed in this guide.

REDUCE WATER FOR SHADY AREAS – This guide assumes your plants are in full sun, so reduce irrigation for plants in partial sun or full shade.

How Much Water Does My Yard Need?

Suggested Irrigation Schedules for Stage 2 Drought



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