

HEALTHY

LAWN

HAPPY SUMMER!

Each of us makes a big impact.

Reduce Lawn Watering

Eliminating or reducing summer lawn watering makes a big difference. Households that water their lawns in the summer use an average of 1,900 gallons per week. That's like running your shower for 12 hours!

The fact is, *lawns in Massachusetts don't need much water to stay healthy.* Overwatering your lawn can cause shallow roots and make it susceptible to pests, disease, and drought.

LAWN WATERING



**1,900 Gallons
per week**

SHOWERING



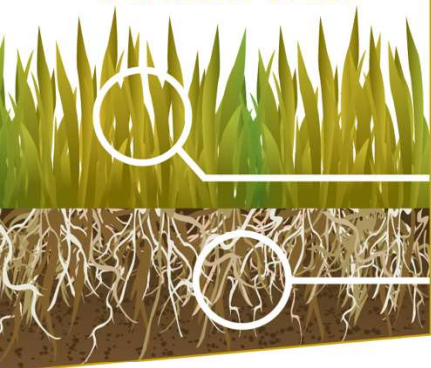
12 Hours!

Water Only With Rain

In most years, we get enough rain to maintain a healthy summer lawn. *Healthy grass can go dormant (turn golden) during dry periods but it is not dead* and will green up with the return of rain. Going

dormant creates more drought resistance and deeper roots, making a healthier, less sensitive lawn.

Dormant Grass



**HEALTHY
GRASS**

**DEEPER
ROOTS**

Many homes already let their lawn go dormant each summer. *Join them by letting your lawn be healthy and natural while saving water, money, and time.*

OR

Water Wisely

A healthy established lawn will likely not need irrigation. However, if you do water your lawn, follow the tips below to water wisely.

- 1 Water before 9am or after 5pm to avoid evaporation.
- 2 Water infrequently and deeply to encourage deep roots.
- 3 Keep grass long to stay healthy (at least 2.5 to 3 inches).
- 4 Leave grass clippings on your lawn to keep soil moist.
- 5 Use a WaterSense-labeled controller on automatic irrigation systems.
- 6 Tell your lawn care crew to follow these guidelines.



*Save water for your community
and the Environment by watering your lawn wisely or not at all.*

Please visit this website for more information: www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoors