

## Irrigation Water Conservation Recommendations

1. Start watering in May at the earliest—later is okay if it's been wet. Never start in April—and finish by October. Peak watering season is mid-June to mid-August. You can assess a weekly lawn watering guide for our area that is based on the prior week's weather conditions via [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov)
2. Water overnight, never during the daytime (certainly not past 10 a.m.). Turn sprinkler system off when we are in a rainy period.
3. There is no need to keep your grass EMERALD GREEN! Grass is pretty resilient provided that you do give it some regular water. The color brown is not your enemy and does not mean that the grass is dying!
4. MOW HIGH. Treat your grass like a meadow and mow it at the highest mower setting no less than 4" and higher if possible. Longer grass shades the roots of the plant and helps it use less water.
5. GO LONGER BETWEEN MOWINGS! Don't be afraid to let your grass get a little long. If you are watering less you need not mow weekly as grass will not grow so quickly. **You will save money and maintenance and water at the same time.** You are not running a golf course! Avoid over-manicuring!
6. Water less frequently and more deeply to encourage deep root growth in your turf. Treat it more like a drought tolerant plant and it will respond better to heat and stress.
7. The suggested irrigation application rate is ½ inch of water each irrigation. A determination of how long to run your sprinklers to apply the right amount of water can be made using techniques described by "clicking" on the phrase "Residential Lawn Watering Guide"—highlighted in the color blue on the website [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov)
8. **For Wasatch County the suggested watering schedule is:** once every 4 days in May; once every 3 days in June, July and August; and once every 6 days in September. Remember, these are general recommendations; for **specific** weekly recommendations which take into account the prior weekly weather check the website cited above: (i.e., [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov) ); presently, for example, the site shows no watering needed this week in Wasatch County.



We can do better than “set it and forget it” with our irrigation controllers! **Take an active and not a passive role in watering your yard!**

