



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Summer Lawn Watering Tips

Proper watering is key to maintaining a vibrant, healthy lawn. But how much water does a lawn require? How often does it need to be watered? Here are answers to some of the most commonly asked questions regarding summer lawn watering.



How much water does my lawn need? The University of Tennessee Extension Service recommends between 1 -1.5 inches of water each week, or 630 to 945 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet of lawn space.

When is the best time for me to water my lawn? The earlier, the better, according to the University of Tennessee Extension Service. By watering in the morning, you can avoid some of the rapid evaporation that would happen later in the day as the temperatures rise.

Do I need to water my lawn every day? In most cases, no. Ideally a lawn should be watered around three times each week. It's always better to water infrequently, but water thoroughly each time you do. A light, shallow watering every day can result in a lawn with shallow roots.

If you use an automatic watering system, be sure to keep in mind the impact of rainfall – especially if you don't have a rain sensor. (A rain sensor is designed to suspend or interrupt automatic watering when the rainfall total reaches a specified amount.) If the rainfall was adequate, you may be able to skip a scheduled watering.

Or, if rain is forecasted later in the week, consider skipping one of your regular waterings. If the rain doesn't fall – which, honestly, happens quite frequently around Middle Tennessee – you can make up the watering later in the week. (Your safest bet? Don't bank on the rain. Water anyway, then reduce later according to rainfall.)

How do I know if my lawn needs to be watered? Look for footprints. Yes, really. If someone walks across your lawn and the grass doesn't spring back up – resulting in a lingering indented footprint in the lawn – then it could use some watering.

Is there anything else I need to take into consideration when it comes to watering? If your lawn has other landscaping elements that feature trees, flowers, and other plants and vegetation, be sure to know the watering requirements of each. There may be some plants that need to be watered daily; others may only need a couple of waterings each week. In cases like these, a one-size-fits-all watering plan may not be sufficient.

BEAUTIFUL FAST GROWING TREES

Weeping Willow

A favorite among tree lovers for its dramatic appearance and rounded, weeping shape. Perfect for those looking for a quick way to add character and value to their property. An excellent shade tree that is always in high demand. This willow is one of the fastest growing shade trees, growing up to 6-8 ft. a year. They start out thin, with only a few branches that point upward against the trunk. After racing to a height of about 10 ft., they put out more and more branches that arch outward to form the weeping canopy they're famous for. Thrives in Growing Zones 4-9, and has the ability to absorb standing water. Plant near trouble spots where water stands in puddles, and watch them disappear. Even though Weeping Willows are often found near rivers, lakes and wetlands, they can grow just about anywhere, even demonstrating some tolerance to drought. Very adaptable to all kinds of soils and growing conditions; these trees can even help prevent soil erosion.



Tulip Poplar

During the summer you get a fast growing, well formed green shade tree. In the Fall... get your sunglasses. While other trees are turning brown, your **Tulip Poplar leaves turn from green to bright yellow**. A great tree for all seasons and one of our best sellers.

The Tulip looking flowers give you a **delightful fragrance** of nectar that you'll enjoy all spring long. This nectar even attracts birds - including ruby-throated hummingbirds, cardinals and finches - and other small wildlife... the perfect tree for wildlife lovers!

The Tulip Poplar is **highly resistant to disease and insects**, making this a healthy tree that will provide a lifetime of enjoyment. Very easy to grow... **thrives in almost all areas!** Highly adaptable to a variety of soils - even grows in wet soil! In open areas, the Tulip Poplar usually grows into a majestic cone shape.. making it an attractive front yard tree that will increase your home's value.

Dynamite Crape Myrtle

BRIGHT RED BLOOMS LAST UP TO 4 MONTHS

- * Developed to produce the brightest red blooms in existence
- * Pest and disease resistant
- * Highly drought tolerant

Spectacular blooms last from spring until fall! One of the hardiest Crape Myrtles available. Resists mildew, disease and insects. Some of the brightest red blooms of any tree... typically lasting a full 120 days... from spring to fall.

