

Recommendations for Garden Watering by Residents

Parkfairfax Management and the Landscape Committee have developed guidelines for residential garden watering. These guidelines are intended to help conserve water and reduce the amount spent by the Association on water and sewer fees.

1. Parkfairfax recommends that residents limit watering to no more than once every other day for 20 to 25 minutes per zone. A zone is defined as the area of direct coverage by a sprinkler or soaker hose. This schedule is the same as that used for the automatic sprinkler systems at the Association's focal areas.
2. Parkfairfax recommends that residents avoid watering during the "heat of the day," generally between Noon and 4 p.m. Typically the best time to water is early in the morning because morning conditions are best for saturating the soil. Watering during the heat of the day may result in more evaporation and less water soaking into the soil and so is not advised.
3. When staff identifies excessive water use, as defined by the guidelines, the outdoor wall faucet (not the crawlspace valve) at the residence may well be turned off and in such case the resident will receive a signed and dated flier from the Landscape Maintenance Director asking the resident(s) to comply with the guidelines. If excessive water usage continues the resident will be contacted successively by the Landscape Committee, the General Manager, etc.
4. Water guidelines and recommended water saving techniques consistent with this concept paper as developed by the Landscape Committee and approved by the Board of Directors will be posted on the web site and in the **Forum**.

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