

Water with the weather



It's common sense to let Mother Nature provide the water your landscape needs during the rainy season. Yet it's a common sight each winter to see sprinklers running when it's raining. Winter water efficiency is easy — just remember to adjust your sprinkler system. Here's what to do:

- During the rainy season, turn off your sprinklers and irrigation system. Or, install a rain sensor to automatically shut off your irrigation system and eliminate unnecessary watering. Rain sensors are inexpensive and available at most home improvement stores.
- If there is an extended dry period during the rainy season, change your irrigation schedule to apply the minimum amount of water needed by plants. Many plants are dormant and others need little water during the cooler months.

For more information about how to adjust your irrigation timer and other winter tips, please call your local water provider.

A good rule of thumb is to change your irrigation timer when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.



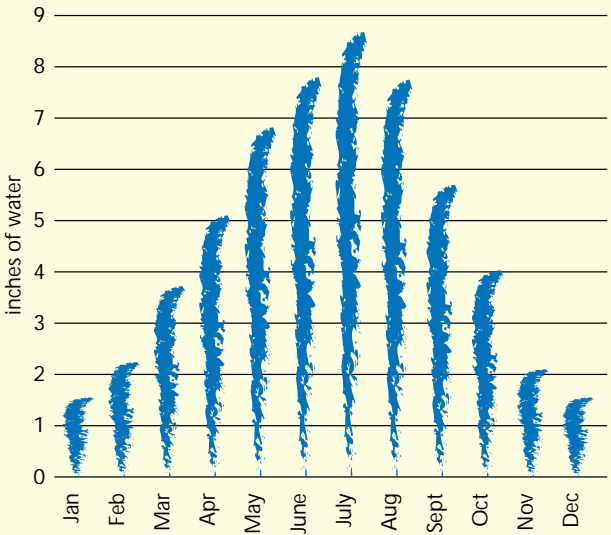
Decrease watering
or shut off
irrigation system



Gradually
increase
watering

Clip and post near your irrigation controller.

Water needs of grass without rain in Sacramento



Throughout the fall and winter months, lower temperatures, shorter daylight hours and moisture from fog and rain all combine to reduce the water demands of your lawn, trees, shrubs and plants. Little, if any, irrigation is needed, which means you need to reduce your irrigation timing and frequency.