



## Outdoor Watering Tips

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Water in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better.
- Check the roots of your lawn or garden for moisture before watering. If it's still moist two inches under the soil surface, you still have enough water.
- Choose shrubs and ground covers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes.
- Spread a layer of organic mulch around plants to retain moisture.
- Don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.

*An overwatered lawn can be just as bad as an underwatered one. In Colorado Springs, most lawns only need to be watered three days a week during summer, and just one to two days during spring and fall.*

### Low Water Usage Plants

Basket-of-Gold Amur

Feather Reed Grass

Russian Sage

Maple Black-eyed Susan

First Love Dianthus

Shasta Daisy

Blue Mist Spirea

Marshall's Seedless Ash

Snow Daisy

Blue Oat Grass

Pine-Leaf Penstemon

Snow-in-Summer

Candytuft

Ponderous Pine

Sunset Hyssop

Catmint

Prairie Sky Switch Grass

Thornless Hawthorne

Coreopsis

Purple Coneflower

Whirling Butterflies

Creeping Periwinkle

Purple Mountain Sun Daisy

White Bud Mugo Pine

Crimson Pygmy Barberry

Red Rocks Penstemon

Winecups

Dark Knight Butterfly Bush

Red Switch Grass

Zebra Grass

Daylily

Rock Spirea

Evening Primrose

Rose Glow Barberry

