

Winter Watering



Many landscape plants may be dormant and brown during the winter months, but they still need to be watered periodically. Dry winter months can kill plants and lawns!

If you water during the winter your plants have a better chance of greening up in the spring.

Shrubs and trees that don't receive regular water will search for water on their own, sometimes in your wastewater pipes. Roots are a common cause of pipe damage, and repairs can be messy and costly. Service lines are the **homeowner's responsibility**.

Keep in mind that your **wastewater bill is calculated** from **DECEMBER 1st – JANUARY 31st**.

- Choose a warm winter day with air temperature above 40 degrees and unfrozen soil.
- Water one to two times per month from November to April.
- It is most critical to water in March and April when the new roots are forming.
- Water at mid-day so it can soak in before it freezes.
- It is most important to water newly planted lawns, trees shrubs and flowers.
- Established lawn areas and trees that are in sunny or windy areas should be watered.
- Use a hose-end sprinkler to water when irrigation systems are off.
- Remove the hose from the spigot after watering to prevent freeze damage.

Fall Preparation Checklist

- Fertilize your lawn: Fertilize in October or right before you turn your sprinklers off.
- Top off your mulched areas: Make sure the mulched areas have 3-4 inches of mulch to insulate the plants for winter.
- Tend to sprinkler systems: Blow out your sprinkler system or drain it at the first sign of freezing weather.
- Get control over weeds: Pull weeds to prevent them from producing