

Irrigation System Maintenance

Routine maintenance of your irrigation system is important to keep it working properly.

- Periodically check for any clogged/ blocked nozzles and emitters
- Routinely check drip irrigation lines for any leaks or break



If a weather-based irrigation controller was installed as part of LEAP or you own a smart irrigation controller:

- Be sure to program your controller according to the manufacturer's manual
- Irrigation should be scheduled following the listed schedule at ladwp.com/WateringDays



California Friendly[®] Landscape Maintenance Guidelines



For Participants of LADWP's Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP)

Additional Resources

Need additional help with your new water-saving landscape? LADWP and partner agencies offer free resources, such as:

- Free Mulch (provided by LA Sanitation)
- Recycled Water
- Landscaping Classes
- Rebates for Water-Saving Upgrades



For all landscaping resources, visit LADWP.com/LawntoGarden



Thank you for participating in the Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP)! This brochure provides information to help keep your water-saving front yard looking great!



After Establishment Period

Limit drip irrigation to 15 minutes per cycle, up to 2 cycles per watering day. Learn more about your watering days at LADWP.com/WateringDays



Plant Establishment Period

New plants need extra care while they adjust to their new environment. This phase is called the establishment period. Watering needs during the establishment period vary by plant type, soil conditions, and the irrigation emitter used.

The following is only recommended for drip irrigation. Adjust watering if water isn't draining properly, and always follow the Water Conservation Ordinance for approved watering days and times available at LADWP.com/WateringDays.

Recommended Watering Schedule During Establishment Period

Spring- Fall (March - November)

- Weeks 1-2: 3x/week for 1 hr
- Weeks 3-4: 2x/week for 1 hr
- Months 2-7: 1x/week for 1 hr
- Months 8-12: 1x every other week for 1 hr

Winter (December - March)

- Weeks 1-2: 2x/week for 1 hr
- Weeks 3-4: 1x/week for 1 hr
- Months 2-7: 1x every other week for 1 hr
- Months 8-12: 1x/month for 1 hr



What to Do When It Rains

- Skip watering for the week if it's actively raining.
- Delay your schedule by 1 week for every day that receives ½" or more of rain.
- If you have a Weather-Based Irrigation Controller (WBIC) installed, your system will automatically pause irrigation.



Routine Landscape Maintenance

The following actions should be taken to keep your sustainable landscaping thriving:

- Adjust the watering schedule according to plant needs and seasonal changes
- Remove weeds while they are still small to prevent them from becoming invasive
- Prune trees and shrubs while they are dormant
- Remove broken or dead tree limbs, as needed
- Replenish mulch where needed. LA Sanitation provides free quality mulch to all City of LA residents. Find out more at LACitySan.org/FreeMulch