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Lawn Watering for Colorado Lawns

1-2-3-2-1 Lawn Watering Technique

Sprinkler Zone Time Charts			
Sprinkler Head Type	South Facing, Full Sun	Normal, East/West Facing	North Facing, Full Shade
Pop-Up Heads	18 Min	15 Min	6-10 Min
Rotary / Impact Heads	55 Min	45 Min	35 Min
Pinwheel / MP Rotor Heads	45 Min	35 Min	25 Min
Drip Systems	60 Min	60 Min	60 Min
Micro Mist Systems	40 Min	30 Min	20 Min
Water Equivalent: (If you measure the output using a rain gauge, this is how much water each section should receive)	.6-.7 Inches	.5-.6 Inches	.4-.5 Inches

What time of Day to Water?

- Start Time: Ideally around 3:00 AM, but you may need to start it earlier if there are a lot of zones. All zones should be finished by 7:00 AM.

Watering Days Per Week (1-2-3-2-1 Technique)

- 1 – Water 1 Day Per Week:** Early Spring – Avg. temps less than 70°F (Sprinkler Start – May 22nd*)
- 2 – Water 2 Days Per Week:** Early Summer - Avg. temps between 70°F - 85°F (May 23rd* – June 16th*)
- 3 – Water 3 Days Per Week:** Summer - Avg. temps above 85°F (June 17th* – August 22nd*)
- 2 – Water 2 Days Per Week:** Late Summer - Avg. temps between 70°F - 85°F (Aug 23rd* – Sept 23rd*)
- 1 – Water 1 Day Per Week:** Fall - Avg. temps less than 70°F (September 24th* – Sprinkler Blowout)

*The dates are not exact; however, they are a good time to start monitoring the temperatures.