

## Alternative Lawn Watering Schedule

Fall (09/01–10/31)   Winter (11/01–02/28)   Spring (03/01–04/30)   Summer (05/01–08/31)

- **Winter:** 1 day a week or less
- **Spring and fall:** 2-3 days a week
- **Summer:** 5-6 days a week

New plants need extra attention and watering as they take root in your yard. Mandatory watering restrictions allow for the extra watering of new plants for the first 14 days and hand-watering is allowed anytime. Water the plugs daily for the first two weeks, carefully monitoring their condition.

Exact watering instructions are difficult to nail down because every home has different sun exposure, shade exposure, soil types, backyard structures, etc. These are recommended guidelines that **you will need to adjust off of to find the sweet spot for your yard.**

Plugs are young, immature plants that need to be kept moist through the heat of the day and dry out in the evenings. The water savings don't typically kick in until the plants are knit together into one lawn and there is no exposed surface soil. Then you can transition to the sod water cycles.

Plant	Spring		Summer		Fall		Winter	
	<u>Watering Days</u>	<u>Watering Time</u>	<u>Watering Days</u>	<u>Watering Time</u>	<u>Watering Days</u>	<u>Watering Time</u>	<u>Watering Days</u>	<u>Watering Time</u>
Kurapia	3	8-10 min.	5 to 6	8-10 min.	3	8-10 min.	1	8-10 min.
Dichondra	3	9-12 min.	5 to 6	9-12 min.	3	9-12 min.	1	9-12 min.
Micro-Clover	3	10-14 min.	5 to 6	10-14 min.	3	10-14 min.	1	10-14 min.

Prior to laying down sod, we recommend running your subsurface irrigation system to see how long it takes for the circles of water from each emitter to overlap. This should tell you how long you're watering cycle should run, and how long it takes for the ground to fully dry out before the next watering.

Subsurface Irrigation (.9 GPH)	Kurapia & Micro Clover Sod stage of Establishment	Length of each watering
1 <sup>st</sup> two weeks of New Kurapia or Clover sod	When combining sod form alternative lawns with subsurface inline drip, you must supplement with overhead watering, 2-3 times per day, for the first 2 weeks.	2x a day for 12-18 minutes or less + supplemental hand-watering
Week 3 since installed	Stop overhead watering. Begin to rely wholly on subsurface irrigation. Begin reducing watering days down by 2 days per week until you reach the desired schedule.	2x a day for 8-12 minutes or less For 5 days a week
Once you've reached Desired days per week	Once you've worked down to the desired water schedule (5 days in summer, 3 days in spring & fall, 1 day in winter) you can begin to transition from more frequent	1x a day for 16-24 minutes or less

shorter water cycles to one longer soak per day.

**Being as the irrigation is underground, it is easy for watering to be “out of sight, out of mind”. Don’t forget to change your clock with the seasons!**