

TLI Group— Landscaping, Concrete and Irrigation

Did you know your lawn only needs an inch of water per week in the summer?

There are several methods you can use to save water while maintaining the health of your lawn and garden. Here are a few things The TLI Group recommends to help you with your lawn:

The Tuna Can Test

Placing several empty tuna cans about your yard during irrigation run times is a simple way to test how much water you are applying. Irrigation contractors use this method to test how uniformly your system distributes water.

After a prescribed amount of watering time, measure the water in the cans. The can with the least amount of water shows you how long you need to irrigate your lawn. This is a simple way to eliminate under-watered areas and promote uniform watering. If significant differences in water depths exist (greater than thirty percent) your system requires modification and could benefit from a landscape irrigation audit.

The Tuna Can Test identifies areas of uneven watering and once modified your system will distribute water more uniformly. When there is greater consistency in water application then less water is wasted, resulting in a completely green lawn and reduced costs.

Water Conservation Tips

- Wherever possible, avoid water run-off. Saturate an area; allow the water to soak in and then water again.
- Always take advantage of rain water. A properly set rain sensor on your irrigation system will prevent over-watering.
- Rain barrels are good sources of water for trees and shrubs.
- The best time to water the plants in your yard is in the morning. Temperatures are cooler and water can properly penetrate the soil.
- An irrigation system allows you to water different areas in your garden separately and more efficiently.
- Mowing your lawn at a height of 2 to 2 1/2 inches reduces the evaporation rate.
- Always avoid watering a hard surface like a driveway.
- Mulch on a shrub or flower bed greatly reduces the evaporation rate.
- Inspect your irrigation system for damage on a regular basis.
- Replace worn-out nozzles on your irrigation system to prevent wasting water.

Contact Us

TLI would like to hear from you! If you have a question that isn't answered or if you'd like to get in touch with us, this is the place to do it. Please do not hesitate to:

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