

# 2021 Greeley Watering Schedule

For the 2021 growing season, the Water Department has relaxed the watering restrictions to allow single family residential customers, on the water budget, to water any day of the week. This will allow you to watch the weather and respond appropriately. The non-watering hours still apply to all customers between 10:00a.m. and 6 p.m. For all other customers, all watering restrictions still apply.

## 2021 Watering Restrictions April 15 through October 31

There is no lawn watering without a variance between January 1 and April 15.

### Single Family Customer on the Water Budget

May water any day of the week

### Non-Water Budget and Voluntary Residential Watering Schedule

Even addresses: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday

Odd addresses: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday

### Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, Businesses, Churches, Non-profits, Multifamily, HOAs etc.

Tuesday, Friday, Sunday

## No Watering Between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

- New lawn variances are available with proper soil amendment (4 cubic yards per 1,000 square feet of lawn). A variance will increase your water budget for a period of time to properly water the lawn. Apply online and upload receipts for new sod or seed, compost installation, and proof of rototilling (photos, rental receipt or lawn service invoice). Go to [Greeleygov.com/conserves](http://Greeleygov.com/conserves) to apply.
- Trees, shrubs, flower and vegetable gardens may be watered at any time by, drip irrigation, low volume, bubblers, sprinkler, restrictive hose nozzle, watering can, by weeping-type soaker hoses or by a hose-end sprinkler. Water trees and shrubs during prolonged dry periods to keep trees healthy.
- Hosing paved surfaces, including decks, driveways, patios, sidewalks, vinyl siding, roof gutters, windows, and garages is allowed with minimal runoff. Excessive water flow into the gutters and leaving your property is considered waste and could result in a violation.
- Home car washing is allowed with a restrictive nozzle hose and bucket, and minimal runoff.
- Any person who violates the restrictions during a calendar year will be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second, \$500 for the third, and for the fourth and subsequent violations \$500 and the cost of installing a flow restrictor to limit outdoor water use. Violations on non-residential property receives fines that are double to those described above.



[greeleygov.com/conserves](http://greeleygov.com/conserves)

970-336-4134



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# Cycle and Soak

This method of watering is very effective to water your lawns and eliminate runoff.

If you have a sprinkler clock that has multiple start times, take advantage of it and try the cycle and soak method.

For example, instead of running your sprinklers for one long run time, divide it into 2 or 3 shorter cycles and you may find that you can cut down your total minutes run.

Make sure that you have a non-watering period of 45-60 minutes in between cycles. It is important not to have it go more than 60 minutes between cycles. The first cycle wets the soil and then second and third cycle actually soaks into the root zone.

We have seen people splitting cycle between day and evening and that is NOT effective.

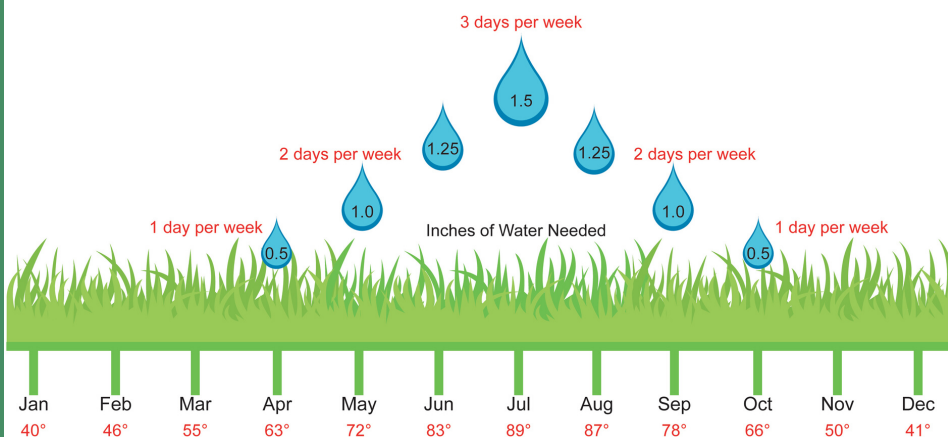
For a personalized watering schedule, call for a FREE sprinkler system audit call **970-336-4228** or sign up online [GreeleyGov.com/Audits](http://GreeleyGov.com/Audits)

Sprinkler type	Run time needed	2-Cycles # of minutes each	3-Cycles # of minutes each	Time in between cycles
Spray heads	15	7	4-5	45-60 min
Rotors	45	22	13-14	45-60 min

## Cycle and Soak Example

Original Schedule				
	4 a.m.			
Zone 1 (sprays) north side shady	13			
Zone 2 (sprays) south side hot	15			
Zone 3 (rotors) east morning sun	40			
Zone 4 (rotors) west afternoon sun	45			
Total run time	113			
New Cycle and Soak (2 cycles)				
	4 a.m.	5 a.m.		
Zone 1 (sprays) north side shady	6	6		
Zone 2 (sprays) south side hot	7	7		
Zone 3 (rotors) east morning sun	20	20		
Zone 4 (rotors) west afternoon sun	20	22		
Total run time	53	55	108	
New Cycle and Soak (3 cycles)				
	4 a.m.	5 a.m.	6 a.m.	
Zone 1 (sprays) north side shady	5	5	5	
Zone 2 (sprays) south side hot	4	5	5	
Zone 3 (rotors) east morning sun	12	13	13	
Zone 4 (rotors) west afternoon sun	13	13	13	
Total run time	34	36	36	106

## Adjust Run Times Monthly



It is a best practice to change your sprinkler program each month to match the weather and water needs of your lawn. Ideally, lawn watering over a season should follow a bell curve pattern with water use peaking in July. Many people are good at ramping up their lawn watering, but forget to turn it down once temperatures start to decrease. Although temperatures might stay high in September it is hotter for a shorter period of time and therefore less water is needed.

Courtesy: Greeley Water Conservation Program

Most spray heads disseminate approximately 2 inches of water per hour. Most rotor sprinklers disseminate approximately 1/3 of an inch per hour.