



FALL WATERING GUIDE

North Texas Lawn Watering Recommendations

How Much Should You Water Your Lawn This Fall?

This summer was brutal. Extended periods without rain, extreme heat, and stress on your lawn. Fall brings cooler temperatures and more frequent rainfall—the conditions your lawn needs to recover. But recovery doesn't happen on its own. Proper fall watering is one of the most critical steps you can take right now to rebuild your lawn's health heading into winter.

We recommend that you water in 10-minute bursts one day per week at 2:00 AM, 4:00 AM, and 6:00 AM

In fall, your soil loses about half the water it loses in summer, so one day per week with three short cycles is all you need. These guidelines are for standard spray heads in full sun areas. In shaded areas, reduce by 50% or more. If you have rotary head sprinklers, run them twice as long each cycle—15 minutes per cycle, three times = 45 minutes per week—since they deliver water more slowly. Drip systems are different: run them 5 minutes daily and monitor your beds to make sure they're getting consistent moisture without becoming saturated.

The Easy Way: Use Your Controller's Seasonal Adjust Feature

If your controller has a "Seasonal Adjust" or "Water Budget" feature, here's all you need to do:

1. Program it for summer once (10-minute cycles at 2, 4, and 6 AM).
2. Then adjust the percentage down as temperatures drop — 50% in fall, 20% in winter.

That's it. You never reprogram individual zones again. The controller does the work.

(Details for different zone types: If you have rotary head sprinklers, they deliver water more slowly, so run them 15 minutes per cycle instead of 10. Drip systems run 5 minutes daily — monitor your beds to make sure they're getting consistent moisture without becoming saturated.)

Why This Schedule Works for North Texas

This carefully designed fall watering approach:

- Allows deep water penetration into our clay-heavy North Texas soil between cycles
- Supports root recovery after summer stress, rebuilding the root system for winter hardiness
- Minimizes evaporation by watering during cool, early morning hours
- Prevents runoff and wasted water as temperatures cool
- Prepares your lawn to handle the dormancy ahead

Large Patch: What to Watch For

Large patch (formerly known as brown patch) is a fungal disease that shows up in fall's cool, wet conditions—especially on lawns already stressed from summer heat. Look for circular or irregular patches of tan or brown grass, often with a darker ring around the edges. It's manageable when caught early.

What Village Green will do: Our team monitors for large patch during fall visits. We'll flag any suspicious areas in your lawn, and our post-visit summaries will alert you to any concerns via email or text. Caught early, it's treatable.

If you notice something: If you see patches that look suspicious—tan or brown circular areas, particularly in shaded or moist spots—just let us know. Send a photo if you can, and we'll review it together and walk you through the best next steps.

Year-Round Watering: The Foundation of Lawn Health

Consistent, season-appropriate watering is the cornerstone of a thriving North Texas lawn. Following our seasonal watering recommendations year-round builds a resilient lawn that can handle North Texas's extreme heat, dry spells, and unpredictable weather. You've made it through a brutal summer. Proper fall watering is your lawn's best chance to recover strong and healthy heading into winter.

Questions? We're here.

If your lawn is showing stress and you're not sure whether it's a watering issue or brown patch, give us a call or send a text.



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