



WaterSense® Watering Questions to Ask Your Landscape Contractor

Learn how to maximize the water efficiency of your irrigation system by raising these questions with your gardener, irrigation professional, or landscape contractor. Use the space in the right-hand column to note what you learn.

1. How do I adjust my irrigation controller to apply the least amount of water necessary to promote deeper root growth and build drought tolerance in my yard?

2. Is a "smart" irrigation controller, such as a [WaterSense® labeled model](#), right for my landscape? How will it help me save water and money over the long term?

3. Do some irrigated areas (e.g., zones) in my yard require more water than others? Can I cut off irrigation to some of my established plants and just water by hand when necessary? Can you show me how to set my controller so I water only the zones that need it and not the zones that don't?

4. I've heard that my yard's water needs vary throughout the year. Can you show me how to adjust my irrigation system with the seasons? Can you provide a written irrigation schedule that also accounts for seasonal changes?

5. Should I still water my yard in the cooler months? Or should I winterize my irrigation system? If so, when and how?

6. Can you recommend a few native plants that will both thrive in my climate and provide beautiful accents to my yard?

7. What else can I do in my yard to use less water? Can you recommend any smart practices, alternative plants or groundcover, or maintenance options that will help me be more water-efficient?

