

Simply Beautiful: The first 30 days

Tips to care for your new
Water Smart Landscape



- ❑ Most new plants need extra water as they get established. You may water more often than mandatory watering restrictions allow for the **first 30 days only**. The biggest mistake most people make with their new Water Smart Landscape is overwatering **after** 30 days.
- ❑ If you planted in the fall, plants will have an easier time adapting. If you planted in spring or summer, monitor plants closely for signs of heat stress.
- ❑ Your drip system will need to run on a longer cycle than your old sprinkler system, because it delivers water more slowly. But **after** 30 days, the SNWA recommends that you water:
 - 1 day a week in winter (November-February)
 - 2 days a week in spring and fall (March-April, September-October)
 - 3 days a week in summer (May-August)

(See reverse)

- ❑ With water-smart landscaping, deep-watering (often 30 to 90 minutes at a time) is more important than the frequency. Check the soil for moisture and adjust watering times.



- ❑ Your landscaper can adjust your irrigation clock after 30 days, but as the property owner you are responsible for complying with mandatory watering restrictions. Become familiar with your clock—when and how often it's watering and how to make basic adjustments.
- ❑ At the 30-day mark, check your irrigation system for broken or clogged drip emitters, leaks or damage. Make repairs as needed, or contact your landscaper if items are under warranty.
- ❑ Don't worry if new plants look small and underdeveloped. Most will take six months to a year to start filling out. Be patient.
- ❑ Monitor staking of new trees. The transportation (nursery) stake next to the trunk of small, fragile trees should not remain longer than a few months. Larger anchoring stakes held by flexible ties may be needed for 1-2 years.

Your Water Smart Landscape contributes to community water-conservation efforts. Thank you!

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