

## SUMMER LAWN CARE TIPS

- Water in the early morning so the lawn can dry out before the evening. Most fungus and diseases need a damp lawn to spread and grow. Mosquitoes also love damp places!
- Mow 3-4 inches high, the taller grass shades the ground keeping it cool and helps prevent weed seeds from germinating.
- Keep your mower blade sharp. A dull blade damages the grass allowing for diseases to enter the plant.
- Use a mulching mower and leave grass clippings on the lawn. It's free fertilizer and keeps the soil cooler, shades roots, and helps reduce evaporation.
- Place tuna or cat food cans around your yard to measure how long it takes your sprinklers to apply 1-inch of water.

# Lolo Water District



## Deep Roots Equal a Healthy Lawn

It's common to irrigate lawns too often and with too much water. Watering everyday encourages shallow roots, making grass vulnerable during periods of hot weather and drought.

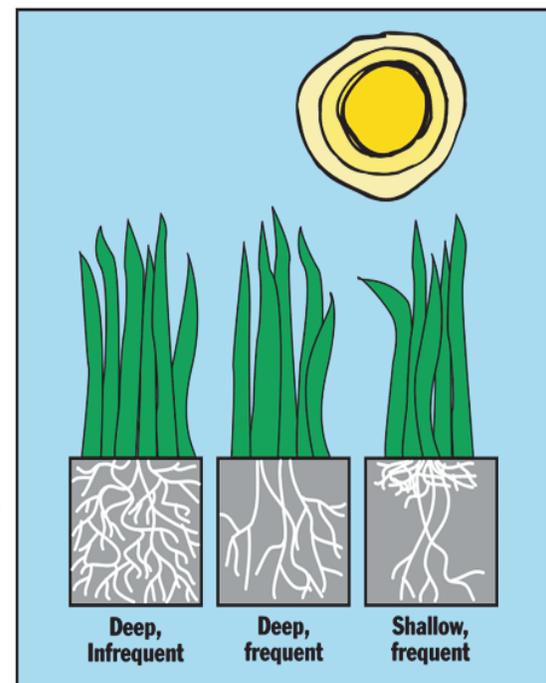
In a healthy lawn, up to 90% of the grass's mass is below ground. A deep rooted lawn is also more resistant to diseases.

Lawns only need 1-2 inches of water every 3-5 days. Apply an inch of water about every 3 days if the weather is very hot. Push a skinny metal rod or screwdriver into the soil after irrigating. It will stop when it hits dry soil; aim for 6 inches.

## SUMMER WATERING HOURS

**6am to Noon**  
**6pm to Midnight**  
**Odd numbered houses**  
**Odd days**  
**Even numbered houses**  
**Even days**

**\*\*These times also apply to automatic sprinklers**



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