

# How to properly water your lawn

Generally, lawns need about one inch of water per week, which is best done in one or two applications, including rainfall. A simple rain gauge is the best way to monitor rainfall and irrigation. Watering between 4 am to 8 am is ideal and this allows the grass to dry in the morning sun, reducing the chance of turf disease.

Knowing when and how much to water after rain showers is always tough question due to precipitation being so different in towns that might be right next to each other. One easy tool to help with this available online.

The Northeast Regional Climate Center has a [Lawn Watering Tool](https://www.nrcc.cornell.edu/industry/lawn_water/) where you just enter your zip code and when your grass was watered last, and it will tell you how much water your lawn needs based off of national weather data.

This will help you keep your lawn healthy and hydrated while reducing wasted time and water.

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