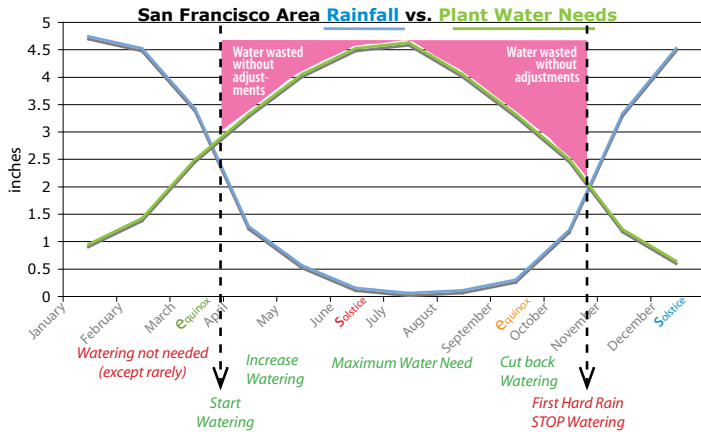


San Francisco Area Watering Guide

DROUGHT CONSERVATION STRATEGY

Cut water use by up to 30% with monthly controller adjustments



Watering all summer at peak July water needs wastes the amount of water shown in the shaded area on the graph. Monthly adjustments will reduce waste created by an on-in-spring-off-in-fall watering program, cutting landscape water consumption by up to 30%!

First program your controller for maximum July water needs for each zone using the guidelines on the reverse. Beginning in April (subject to actual weather conditions) and at the beginning of every month, adjust the water budgeting by % feature of your controller. The graph above leads to the table below of approximate water needs by month, expressed as a percent of July needs.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
0%	0%	0%	45%	76%	96%	100%	86%	66%	28%	0%	0%

Older controllers may not have the features required to implement this strategy so it may be time to upgrade to a smart self-adjusting controller that will do this automatically, every day, based on actual weather conditions. Smart controllers are easy to use, reliable, and can save more water than using approximate manual adjustments, and may be eligible for rebate or incentive programs from your water department.



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JULY WATERING GUIDE FOR SAN FRANCISCO AREA

These watering guidelines are for July when plants need the most water. They are for established landscapes outside of heavy fog zones. Any guide can only assume average weather patterns. Observe soil conditions after the rain stops and throughout the watering season.

How water is applied to zone	Plant type/ Soil type	INTERVAL	CYCLES	RUN TIME
		Skip Days Between Cycles	Number start times per day	Minutes per cycle
High Water Needs 80% of reference ET				
LAWN, ANNUALS & VEGETABLES				
Rotors Efficiency: 70%	Sandy Soil	2	1	42
	Clay Soil	3	4	16
Sprinklers Efficiency: 65%	Sandy Soil	2	1	15
	Clay Soil	3	5	5
MP Rotators Efficiency: 75%	Sandy Soil	2	1	48
	Clay Soil	3	4	19
Drip-emitterline (Netafim Techline PC)	Sandy Soil	2	1	20
	Clay Soil	3	3	22
Microsprays Efficiency: 70%	Sandy soil	2	1	11
	Clay soil	3	3	6
Medium Water Needs 50% of reference ET				
PERENNIALS & GROUNDCOVER				
Rotors	Sandy soil	3	1	39
	Clay soil	4	3	21
Sprinklers	Sandy soil	3	1	14
	Clay soil	4	3	7
MP Rotators	Sandy Soil	3	1	46
	Clay Soil	4	3	24
Drip-emitterline	Sandy soil	3	1	22
	Clay soil	4	3	21
Microsprays	Sandy soil	3	1	10
	Clay soil	4	3	6
Low Water Needs moderate 50% of reference ET				
TREES-SHRUBS				
Rotors	Sandy Soil	6	2	36
	Clay Soil	9	5	24
Sprinklers	Sandy Soil	6	2	13
	Clay Soil	9	6	7
MP Rotators	Sandy Soil	6	2	42
	Clay Soil	9	5	28
Drip-emitterline	Sandy Soil	6	1	44
	Clay Soil	9	4	34



Use this July schedule to set-up Hunter Pro-C & ICC controllers enabled with Solar Sync. Solar Sync continually gathers on-site temperature data used in the calculation of ET, then determines the watering requirements, and adjusts run times as needed every day of the year, and stops watering when it rains!

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