Suggested Efficient Irrigation Schedule

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Month	Season Adjust % [1]	Turfgrass* (High Water Use)				Traditional Shrubs & Trees* (Moderate Water Use)				California Friendly Shrubs & Trees* (Low Water Use)			
		Days [2]	Cycles [3]	Minutes [4]	Total Minutes per Week	Days [2]	Cycles [3]	Minutes [4]	Total Minutes per Week	Days [2]	Cycles [3]	Minutes [4]	Total Minutes per Week
January	50%	1	3	6	18	1	3	3	9	1	3	1	3
February	50%	2	3	3	18	1	3	4	12	1	3	2	6
March	60%	2	3	4	24	1	3	5	15	1	3	2	6
April	70%	2	3	5	30	2	3	3	18	1	3	2	6
May	90%	3	3	4	36	2	3	3	18	1	3	3	9
June	90%	3	3	4	36	2	3	3	18	1	3	3	9
July	100%	3	3	5	45	2	3	4	24	1	3	4	12
August	100%	3	3	5	45	2	3	4	24	1	3	4	12
September	80%	3	3	4	36	2	3	3	18	1	3	3	9
October	60%	2	3	4	24	1	3	4	12	1	3	2	6
November	50%	2	3	3	18	1	3	3	9	1	3	2	6
December	40%	1	3	5	15	1	3	3	9	1	3	1	3

This suggested watering schedule is intended to be a recommendation to conserve water. This schedule may need to be adjusted to meet your specific landscape's needs, as it assumes spray-head sprinklers, clay soil, mimimal slope, and no rain, for landscapes in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, California. Please see additional scheduling tips below.

Plant Types
- Turfgrass: Cool season turfgrasses such as bluegrass and fescue. Warm season turfgrasses such as St. Augustine, Bermuda, and kikuyu.
- Traditional Shrubs & Trees: This includes common garden plants like magnolias, palms, roses, calla lilies, philodendrons, and hibiscus.
- California Friendly Shrubs & Trees: This includes most CA Native plants and other common plants such as oaks, strawberry tree, agaves, sages, lavender, and succulents.

[1] **%** If your timer has a "seasonal adjust" or "budget" feature, then you may alternatively program your timer with the July/August schedule, and then use the Season Adjust % to easily adjust your watering to match the seasons. You do not need to add/remove water days!

[2] **Days** The number of days per week.

[3] **Cycles** The number of cycles or run times. For example: 3:00am, 4:00am, and 5:00am.
Multiple cycles helps prevent runoff, and helps plants' roots grow deeper so your garden can grow better.

[4] **Minutes** The recommended number of minutes to water which varies with the type of sprinklers used and the weather.
- Spray-head Sprinklers - use the recommended number of minutes.
- Rotating Sprinklers - multiply the number of recommended minutes per cycle by 3. Example: 3 minutes x 3 = 9 minutes per cycle
- Drip - multiply the number of recommended minutes per cycle by 5. Example: 3 minutes x 5 = 15 minutes per cycle

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