LAWN WATERING TIPS

Fort Detrick Environment

DID YOU KNOW...

...that you could actually do your lawn harm by watering during the heat of the day or even at night? After about 10 a.m., evaporation robs the soil of moisture, so any watering that you do after that time doesn't get absorbed efficiently. Also, water droplets combined with the presence of hot sun create a magnifying effect that can actually burn blades of grass. Running a sprinkler or watering at night can lead to root rot and creates excessive moisture that is favorable to lawn disease.

You not only save time by watering early in the day, ...

YOU ALSO SAVE WATER!

Give your lawn a good soaking. Light sprinkling can also damage your lawn, by discouraging deep, solid roots. Lawns without deep root growth are less resistant to drought and more prone to winter kill. Water your grass only when it needs it. You don't have to water on a set schedule. To test whether or not your lawn needs a good soaking, step on the grass. If it springs back up, you don't need to water. If it stays flat, it's time to water again in the morning. The earlier the better!

See our Fort Detrick Water Conservation "Outside Scoop" brochure for more information on lawn watering tips or contact the Fort Detrick Environmental Management Office at 301-619-3163