

Seasonal Adjustments Factsheet



Did you know?

Townsville lawns need no more than 25mm of water per week.

Why adjust your irrigation to our climate?

Townsville has two distinct seasons throughout the year: dry and wet. As the seasons change, so do the watering needs of your lawn and garden. By adjusting your irrigation controller throughout the year, this will ensure your garden is getting the correct amount of water it needs to thrive in our climate.

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Most irrigation controllers have a seasonal adjustment setting, so you can change your sprinkler run time according to the changing needs of your lawn each season.

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Seasonal adjustment settings work by changing the set watering times by a percent value. For example, if the run time is 10 minutes at 100%, it would be 8 minutes at 80%.

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Between September and December, set your seasonal adjustment at 100%.

Switch off the irrigation between January to March in the wet season. Gradually increase the percentage as the weather cools.

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Adjust your irrigation in winter as the cooler weather sets in. Run your sprinkler no more than twice a week on your watering days.

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Using a weather smart controller eliminates the need to manually adjust watering as the season changes.

Weather smart controllers automatically adjust watering based on the local weather conditions using local climate data.

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Townsville typically receives more than enough rainfall from December to March. During this period, give your irrigation and sprinklers a rest and turn them off when it's wet.

TIP: During the wet season, switch off your sprinklers and let the rain do the heavy lifting to take care of your lawn instead. This will help conserve precious water for the drier months.

Seasonal sprinkler adjustment for Townsville

Irrigation Settings (mm/Wk)	JAN OFF	FEB OFF	MAR OFF		
Seasonal Adjustment	0%	0%	0%		
Irrigation Settings (mm/Wk)	APR 15	MAY 15	JUN 15	JUL 15	AUG 15
Seasonal Adjustment	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%
Irrigation Settings (mm/Wk)	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	DEC 25	
Seasonal Adjustment	100%	100%	100%	100%	

Place the seasonal adjustment guide near your irrigation control box

Did you know?

You can reduce the amount of water used on your lawn by around 20% by only watering as much as your lawn needs, while keeping it healthy all year round.