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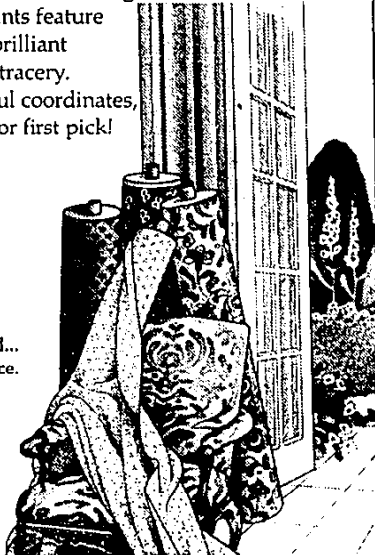
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lawns

Water, water, water . . . The grass needs water

How often should a lawn be watered? How much water does a lawn need? What time of day should the lawn be watered? What's the best type of sprinkler for watering the lawn?

There are probably more questions about watering than any other aspect of lawn care.

The problem is that lawn watering needs depend on many variables: the type of soil, the climate, wind velocity, humidity, and the frequency of rain, among other things.

A lawn has to be watered when the soil begins to dry out, before the grass actually wilts. One sign is that areas of the lawn will begin to change color, picking up a blue-green or smoky tinge.

Another is a loss of resilience. If footprints make a lasting imprint in the lawn instead of bouncing back, it's time to water.

Soil conditions affect how often you need to water. A foot of loam soil will hold about an inch and a half of water. Sandy soil will hold about half that amount, and

a clay soil twice as much.

Different types of grasses also have different water requirements.

THE WEATHER is important. More frequent watering is required when it's hot and windy. However, where there is ample summer rain, only supplementary watering may be needed.

Ideally, the root of grass should grow deep, so the soil should be moistened six to eight inches deep. This should take between one and two inches of water of the lawn surface. The average lawn will use up this amount of water in about a week.

One way to check if the water has gone down to six to eight inches is to wait 12 hours and then simply poke a screw-driver into the ground. If it penetrates that distance, the lawn probably is wet enough.

Water should be applied as uniformly as possible, and no faster than the soil can absorb it. Dividing water into timed intervals may be helpful.

Sprinkle until the soil can't take any more water and then stop and give the

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