

# 30-Day Lawn Establishment Schedule

Day	# of Cycles	Run Time (fixed spray)	Run Time (rotors)	Time of Day
Day 1	3 times/day	6 minutes	18 minutes	Upon Installation
<i>My start date:</i>	<i>Water 3 times on the first day at 6 hour intervals. 1st application occurs immediately following sod installation.</i>			
Days 2 - 10	2 times/day	8 minutes	24 minutes	Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
<i>My day 10:</i>	<i>Increase run time as indicated Water 2 times per day in the morning and the evening at 12 hour intervals.</i>			
Days 11 - 15	1 time/day	16 minutes	48 minutes	Before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
<i>My day 15:</i>	<i>Increase run time as indicated. Water 1 time per day, in morning or evening.</i>			
Days 16 - 30	1 time/day	20 minutes	60 minutes	Before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
<i>My day 30:</i>	<i>Increase run time as indicated. Water 1 time per day, in morning or evening.</i>			
Day 31	<i>Water up to twice weekly, by address, before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Water your established lawn using the seasonal run times below.</i>			

### Recommended Seasonal Run Times

Head Type	Setting	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Fixed Spray	Ideal	25 min.	15 min.	0 min.	20 min.
	Range	20-30 min.	10-20 min.	0-10 min.	15-20 min.
Rotor	Ideal	45 min.	30 min.	<10 min.	40 min.
	Range	40-60 min.	20-40 min.	0-20 min.	35-55 min.

- Information included in this document is based on research by Dr. Michael Dukes, University of Florida/IFAS. Questions may be directed to the Hillsborough County Extension Service at (813) 744-5519.
- The recommended establishment schedule assumes an application rate of 1.5 inches of water per hour for fixed spray heads and 0.5 inches of water per hour for rotor heads.
- When these UF/IFAS recommendations were used to establish 5,000 sq. ft. of sod, the estimated amount of water used over the 30-day establishment period was 31,306 gallons or 41.8 ccf (hundred cubic feet).
- The seasonal run times for use following establishment are excerpted from document ABE 355, one of a series of the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department, UF/IFAS Extension. Original publication date March 2005. Reviewed April 2014. Visit the EDIS website at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Information provided courtesy of the Tampa Water Department, 306 E. Jackson St., Tampa, FL 33602. For additional water conservation information visit [TampaGov.net/Savewater](http://TampaGov.net/Savewater) or call the Conservation and Efficiency Team at (813) 274-8121, option #5.