










# WATER BY THE SEASONS

SEASONAL WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GREATER ALBUQUERQUE AREA



Plant Type	How Often?				How Deep?
	WINTER (DEC TO FEB)	SPRING (MAR TO MAY)	SUMMER (JUN TO AUG)	AUTUMN (SEP TO NOV)	
 TREES	1 TIME PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2-4 TIMES PER MONTH	24" INCHES
 SHRUBS	1 TIME PER MONTH	2-3 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	1 TIME PER WEEK	24" INCHES
 FLOWERING PLANTS	1 TIME PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER WEEK	1 TIME PER WEEK	12" INCHES
 DESERT ACCENTS	NONE	1 TIME PER MONTH	2 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER MONTH	24" INCHES
 GROUNDCOVER	1 TIME PER MONTH	3 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER MONTH	12" INCHES
 GRASS: TURF (COOL SEASON)	2 TIMES PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	3-5 TIMES PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER WEEK	4" INCHES
 GRASS: TURF (WARM SEASON)	1 TIME PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	2-3 TIMES PER WEEK	1 TIME PER WEEK	6" INCHES
 GRASS: ORNAMENTAL	1 TIME PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER MONTH	12" INCHES
 VINES	1 TIME PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER MONTH	18" INCHES

☾=MONTHLY

💧=WEEKLY

\*Use these guidelines for established plants (1 year for shrubs and 3 years for trees).

\*Watering frequency depends on season, plant type, weather and soil texture. Water to beyond the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated.

\* If we receive more than a half inch of rain or more than 6" of snow, skip your next watering day or irrigation cycle. Avoid watering during freezing temperatures. Winter watering should happen during the warmest part of the day.

\*Depending on temperatures and rainfall, treat May and September like Summer months.

\*Refer to the [ABCWUA Xeriscaping Guide](#) for plant water use information.



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