

SEPTEMBER



MINUTES PER WEEK

TYPE OF PLANT	DRIP	BUBBLER	SPRAY	ROTARY	ROTOR
GRASS	45-55	n/a	35-40	120-140	180-195
LOW WATER	30	6-8	15-20	60-70	90-100
MEDIUM WATER	45	10-15	30-35	100-120	150-160
HIGH WATER	60	15-20	40-50	140-165	210-230
CACTUS & SUCCULENTS	10	2-3	6-7	20-25	n/a
CITRUS & VEGETABLES	90	20-25	75-90	200-240	240-260

OCTOBER



MINUTES PER WEEK

TYPE OF PLANT	DRIP	BUBBLER	SPRAY	ROTARY	ROTOR
GRASS	30-40	n/a	30	90-100	130-145
LOW WATER	20	5-6	13-15	45-50	65-70
MEDIUM WATER	30	8-10	20-25	75-85	110-120
HIGH WATER	45	10-15	30-35	105-125	155-170
CACTUS & SUCCULENTS	5	2	5	15	n/a
CITRUS & VEGETABLES	75	15-20	45-50	150-180	220-240

NOVEMBER



MINUTES PER WEEK

TYPE OF PLANT	DRIP	BUBBLER	SPRAY	ROTARY	ROTOR
GRASS	25	n/a	20	60-70	90-100
LOW WATER	15	3-4	10	30-35	45-50
MEDIUM WATER	20-25	5-7	17	50-60	80
HIGH WATER	30	7-10	23	70-85	115
CACTUS & SUCCULENTS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CITRUS & VEGETABLES	45	11-14	30-35	100-120	150

HOW TO USE THIS SCHEDULE

This schedule is based on assumptions and generalizations. It excludes important factors like soil type and microclimate (sunny vs shady areas).

These are ranges for you to aim for and to make decisions about.

The low end of each range assumes your system is in optimal condition. If it is newly installed or recently tuned up, use this end of the range.

The high end of each range assumes your system is in average condition. If it's been a while since you did any work on your system, use this end of the range.

IMPORTANT: If you currently water more than the high end of the range, slowly move your plants to this schedule

When To Add More Time

- If you live in a very windy area
- Your system is poorly maintained or has very high pressure (55+ psi)
- You have newly-installed plants that are not yet established
- If your plants are showing signs of water stress

When To Subtract Time

- For mature desert-adapted trees
- In very shady areas
- If you currently water less than the low end of the range and your plants are happy—keep up the good work!

NEED HELP?

Look inside for more information about identifying your plants and sprinklers.



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Update your watering schedule monthly—you could save up to 30% on your water bill!

SMART CONTROLLERS

"Smart" controllers use weather information to make daily adjustments to your watering schedule. They are the most accurate, least wasteful way to apply water.

We strongly recommend purchasing and installing a smart controller. If you are upgrading from an older controller, Indio Water Authority will provide a rebate of up to \$750. You can find more information about this rebate at IndioWater.org.

Some smart controllers ask for information about your plants and your sprinklers, just like in this guide. Others expect you to know how much water you need to apply in July, and then they use weather information to reduce the watering times throughout the rest of the year.

Some smart controllers also have a rain sensor, which when sufficiently wet from rain will turn off your sprinklers for 48 hours.

If you need help selecting or programming a smart controller, please call Indio Water Authority customer service at 760-391-4038 or go online: IndioWater.org.

THE RIGHT WATERING SCHEDULE

Many factors go into a great watering schedule. To make it simpler, this schedule focuses on two—the kind of plants you are watering and the kind of sprinklers you have.

If you update your sprinkler controller each month with the right schedule for your plants and sprinklers, you can reduce both your water bill and water waste.

Does your gardener program your controller? Give him or her a brochure for the appropriate month so your controller will always be programmed with the correct schedule.

1 Identify Your Sprinklers

Don't worry about determining the exact sprinklers you're using—you only need to know which kind you have: Spray, Rotary, Rotor, Drip, Bubblers.

Note: To find out what you have, turn on each sprinkler zone and observe them.

2 Identify Your Plants

Don't worry about finding out exactly what kind of plant you have, try to pick the right group from the selections available.

Note: If you have more than one kind of plant on your zone, choose the one that needs the most water from this list.

Important: If you have trees planted in a grass lawn, use the schedule for grass, not for trees.

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Disclaimer: These irrigation schedules are only guidelines. These schedules are generic and do not take into account YOUR specific plants' needs or YOUR specific site conditions.

No one can tell you exactly how much water to apply without an in-person inspection of your plants and irrigation system.