



Plan A Lawn

...to meet your needs &
the needs of your lawn.

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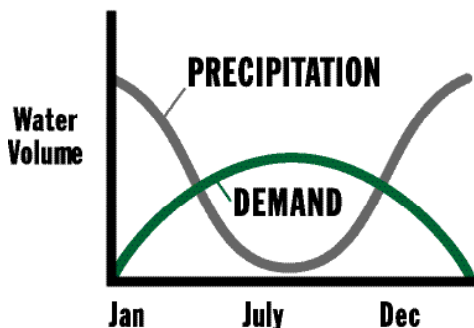




WATER SUPPLY

Nearly 30% of the water used in a single-family residence is used in the summer to water lawns. As a result, the Portland metropolitan area can use two to three times as much water in the summer months than the winter months. This can be a problem when we draw water from our reservoirs faster than we can keep them filled, threatening the steady supply needed for emergencies and fire protection.

ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY/ DEMAND



As our community grows, so will the water supply problem. We have two options to meet summer demands:

1. We can invest in costly new supply facilities, or
2. We can conserve water to reduce the demand on our existing supply.

Water conservation alone will not eliminate the need to increase our water supply, but it can make a big difference. It may also postpone or reduce our need to build expensive new facilities.

LOOKING AT LAWNS

We love lawns. A lawn can be a serene oasis, an open expanse where kids can play, and a source of pride. But they are thirsty. Lawns use about 2-1/2 to 3 times as much water as other plants in the landscape. Current research indicates that lawn watering typically results in as much as 50% water waste. This happens when water is lost to evaporation, runoff, overspray and over-watering.

The information in this booklet will help you learn how to properly install and maintain your lawn, keeping it green and healthy with the appropriate amount of resources—fertilizer, water, and your time.