Industry uses nearly one-half of the water supply in the daytime.

Fire Protection requires much water on short notice at any time.

Within the home, water is needed for many uses all day long.

Therefore, you can help **on the days you may sprinkle** by sprinkling before 8 A.M. or after 9 P.M.

Sprinkling Regulations

Lawns, gardens, and premises having **EVEN NUMBERED** house numbers may be sprinkled only on **EVEN NUMBERED** calendar dates.

Lawns, gardens, and premises having **ODD NUMBERED** house numbers may be sprinkled only on **ODD NUMBERED** calendar dates.

These simple rules are in effect from May 1st through October 31st, pursuant to Ordinance No. 143, adopted by the Milwaukee Common Council.

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MILWAUKEE WATER WORKS

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

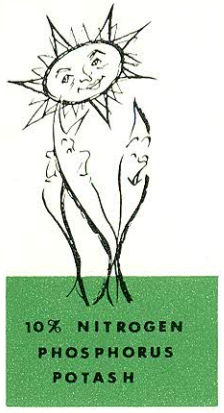
water for BEAUTIFUL LAWNS

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LAWN THIS SUMMER

Lawn care experts at Milwaukee's Bureau of Forestry say that raising a beautiful lawn is simple.

Follow their tips! You will grow a better lawn and you will help Milwaukee avoid a water shortage this summer.

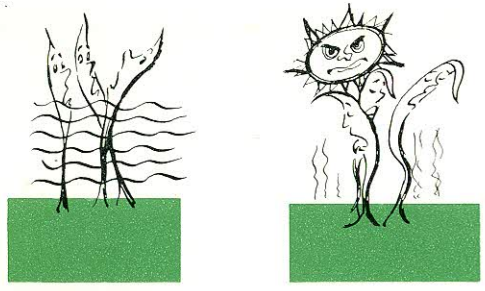
★ GRASS NEEDS FOOD



Treat soil in early Spring with fertilizer that contains about 10% nitrogen, and some phosphorous and potash. Lower nitrogen content fertilizer can be applied in mid June and around Labor Day. Milwaukee area soil usually has enough lime. A soil test will tell if your lawn needs extra lime.

★ GRASS NEEDS WATER

Not Too Much ***Not Too Little***



Good watering practices make grass roots grow into the earth about 6 or 8 inches to dissolved minerals which they feed on.

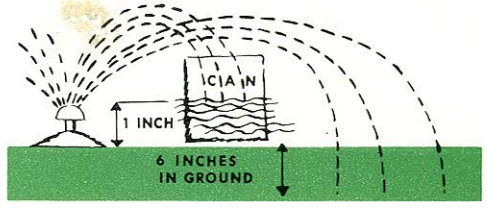
Daily shallow sprinkling is very bad for grass. It concentrates the roots in the first two inches under the surface. When the sun dries up the surface moisture, roots are left without water and the grass wilts.

Too much water is even worse. Plant roots get oxygen from the air spaces in the soil. If the air spaces are always filled with water, plants drown.

★ A THOROUGH SOAKING ONCE A WEEK IS BEST

Soak the lawn thoroughly once a week; the roots will grow deep and the grass will thrive.

When you sprinkle, **MEASURE THE WATER — DON'T WASTE IT.** Use a sprinkler that sprays the lawn evenly, so that no spots are missed. Place a coffee can about halfway between the sprinkler and the edge of the area being watered. When the sprinkler has filled the can with about one inch of water, moisture has soaked into the earth about six inches — ENOUGH TO LAST A WEEK. Bent grass lawns need special care — consult your Bureau of Forestry.



★ TREES NEED EXTRA WATER

Trees need large amounts of water, so sprinkle the grass under trees until the measuring can contains two inches of water.

★ ENOUGH WATER FOR ALL IF WISELY USED

Your **WATER WORKS** would like to operate without sprinkling restrictions and will not ask for them unless it is absolutely necessary. There is enough water available for everyone **IF** it is used wisely.

Remember that the activities of homes, commerce, and industry require large amounts of water between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. Lawn sprinkling during those hours puts an added strain on water supply facilities and makes it difficult to keep a reserve supply of water on hand to fight fires and for other emergencies. But if we all work together we can spread the demand for water over the entire day and be sure of plenty of water for all.

★ THE BEST TIME TO SPRINKLE

Good gardeners say the best time to sprinkle is around sunrise or after sundown. In the early morning hours water has a chance to soak into the soil before the sun dries up the surface. After sundown is also a good time to sprinkle — there is no evaporation problem then. During the heat of the day large amounts of water are lost by evaporation. **PLEASE DO NOT SPRINKLE YOUR LAWN DURING THE DAY — IT WASTES WATER.**

★ SPRINKLING THE EASY WAY

Won't you help us serve you better by following these easy directions:

1. Water only when necessary. Give your lawn a good soaking once a week — more often is wasteful.
2. **WHILE THE PRESENT REGULATIONS STATE ONLY THE DAYS ON WHICH YOU MAY SPRINKLE, YOU CAN HELP TO EASE THE LOAD ON YOUR WATER WORKS BY SPRINKLING BEFORE 8 A.M. OR AFTER 9 P.M.**