

Watering Schedule – Establishing a new lawn

New lawns need to be watered more regularly than established lawns. It will generally take up to 12 months before new lawn has established a deep enough root system to achieve maximum drought tolerance. Pay attention to the corners, especially those with curved or diagonal edges. These can be difficult to water with retic and therefore tend to dry out sooner. Hand watering of these areas is best during establishment.

Water Exemption

How to apply for a water exemption: Call 13 10 39 or go to their web site

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water> on the day your new lawn or garden is planted. If approved, the exemption will be activated immediately and a letter confirming the terms will be sent out to you. The following watering schedules can be used once an exemption is granted

Water Restrictions

Watering exemption between 1st Oct – 31st Mar

Days	Amount*	Frequency	Time of day
1–10	3.5mm	3x daily	Before 9am, at 12 noon and at 3pm
11–20	5.0mm	2x daily	Before 9am and at 3pm
21–28	10.0mm	1x daily	Before 9am
29–42	10.0mm	Every second day	Before 9am

Watering exemption between 1st Apr – 30th Sept

Days	Amount*	Frequency	Time of day
1–14	4.0mm	2x daily	Before 9am and at 2pm
15–28	7.5mm	1x daily	Before 9am
29–35	7.5mm	Every second day	Before 9am

If it rains heavily, turn the retic system off. Too much water and not enough sun can rot your grass.

Checking Water Output

How to check water output (“Amount”) from your retic system? Place an empty ice cream container on the lawn then turn on the sprinklers. Time how long it takes to gather 10mm of water in the bottom of the container. The output will depend upon the type of sprinkler nozzles used and the sprinkler pattern. As a guide: Toro 570 Series fixed arc nozzles; Toro Precision nozzles: 10mm in 20-30 min. Gear drive sprinklers (e.g. Hunter PGP/PGJ/SRM); Hunter MP Rotators: 10mm in 30-45 min.

Re-programming - Orbit b.hyve Controller

To comply with the water exemption schedule When we install lawn we usually program the ‘new lawn’ watering schedule into the ‘A’ program on the controller. As per the watering exemption charts above, the “Amount”, “Frequency” and “Time of Day” will need to be modified throughout the exemption period. Orbit b.hyve controller :

Manual Guidelines –

www.manualslib.com/manual/1282339/Orbit-B-Hyve.html?

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