



## Water Saving Tips for the Month of May

- 1) Get your sprinkler systems turned on, tuned up and ready to perform efficiently WHEN it is time to really use it.
  - 2) The longer you can wait to water, the better it is for the plants. This is the time of year to create DEEP roots. If you start watering too early, the roots will stay shallow.
- \*\* Dig down 3-5" and see if the soil is moist. If it is moist, don't water. If it is dry, water.
- 3) When you do water, set your system to come on 2 or 3 times for a shorter period of time. Instead of one 20 minute cycle.

DO: Two 10-15 minutes cycles or three 7-10 minute cycles.

- 4) DON'T EVER water you lawn every day- PLEASE!!!
- 5) Don't water during rain or snowstorms.
- 6) GYPSUM!! Gypsum is a mineral that helps break down clay. If you put it down in the Spring while the ground is still moist, it will percolate down into the soil and help your lawn absorb water more efficiently throughout the growing season.

\*\*\*\* REMEMBER: CONSERVING WATER IS NOT LIKE BEING PUNISHED.  
It is gardening with a conscience and ... IT IS better for your plants.