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Suggested LEVEL 2 Irrigation Schedule:

Below is a suggested weekly schedule for spray-head irrigation to help San Clemente customers meet the Level 2 watering day restrictions while also supporting healthy landscapes. Generally, the times indicated below are the MAXIMUM times you will need for full-sun areas. Start with this schedule and customize it based on the needs of your landscape. Increase the times only if your plants show signs of stress. If stress occurs only in isolated areas, check your irrigation system (e.g. crooked heads, blocked spray patterns, leaks) before increasing run times.

As a reminder, your actual watering days will be as follows, based on account type/address number:

- Even-numbered residential addresses can water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - For two-day schedules shown below, we suggest Monday and Friday
 - **For the months of December thru February, only one day of watering, on Monday, is permitted**
- Odd-numbered residential addresses can water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
 - For two-day schedules shown below, we suggest Tuesday and Saturday
 - **For the months of December thru February, only one day of watering, on Saturday, is permitted**
- Commercial/irrigation accounts can water on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday
 - For two-day schedules shown below, we suggest Tuesday and Friday
 - **For the months of December thru February, only one day of watering, on Thursday, is permitted**

MONTH	TURFGRASS	TREES, SHRUBS & GROUNDCOVER	NOTES
January & February	1 day, 2 cycles* of 4 minutes	1 day, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	Turn water off before it rains and let soil dry before turning water on again.
March	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	March/April is the most active growth period for grass and other plants.
April	3 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	
May	3 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles of 3 minutes	
June	3 days, 2 cycles of 5 minutes	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	
July & August	3 days, 3 cycles of 4 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles of 4 minutes	
September	3 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	In September, plant water needs drop by ~30% even if the temperature remains hot because the days are shorter, so evaporation decreases. Also, plants begin to go into a dormant phase where they need less water. This rapid drop in water needs will continue in Oct-Nov.
October	3 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	
November	2 days, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	1 day, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	
December	1 day, 2 cycles of 4 minutes	1 day, 2 cycles of 3 minutes	

* "Cycling," with the use of multiple run times per day, provides deeper watering and healthier root growth while reducing runoff. Allow at least ½ hour between cycles to so water can move down through clay soils and reach roots.