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## SUGGESTED IRRIGATION SCHEDULING

	Days/Week:	Pop-up Sprayheads:	Rotors:
January	2	9 Minutes	18 Minutes
February	2	10 Minutes	20 Minutes
March	2	16 Minutes	32 Minutes
April	3	12 Minutes	24 Minutes
May	3	16 Minutes	32 Minutes
June-August	4	13 Minutes	26 Minutes
September	3	15 Minutes	30 Minutes
October	3	12 Minutes	24 Minutes
November	2	12 Minutes	24 Minutes
December	2	8 Minutes	16 Minutes

This schedule is based on long-term historic climate data for the lower Rio Grande Valley compiled by Texas A&M University. It includes a 75% adjustment factor for irrigation efficiency. These suggestions presume that the plants are well established in the landscape. A newly planted landscape requires more water for appropriate plant establishment.

Microclimate conditions may necessitate adjustments in these settings. Examples of microclimate conditions which would require adjustment are shaded and excessively windy areas. Topographical characteristics may also require adjustment: a good example would be hilly terrain, or even some larger berms.

It is important to observe plants at different times of the year. Plants have a language of their own and they will indicate whether they require more or less water.

Lastly, these recommendations are ideally used with a working rain shut-off sensor to prevent unnecessary irrigation during rainfall. The amount of rainfall and its variation will impact irrigation scheduling. This may necessitate shutting off a controller in prolonged periods of rain, if no rain sensor is operative.

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