

From Hose Pipe Bans to Flooding - The TruGreen Guide to Watering Your Lawn this Summer

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The “Great British Summer” can be unpredictable at best. A week of blistering heat and blue skies can be quickly followed by chilly temperatures and torrential downpours.

According to leading lawn care specialists TruGreen, good water usage is vital when it comes to taking care of our lawns to ensure they are healthy and looking at their best. But thanks to the good old British summer, being able to predict and manage the amount of water our lawns get can be a challenge.

Andy White, technical expert from TruGreen recommends his top tips to ensure your lawn has just the right amount of water this summer:

1. Check your lawn before watering to make sure it does actually need it
2. You should water your lawn once or twice a week during the average summer month, but given the recent heavy rainfall you may not need to water at all
3. It is recommended that you apply at least half an inch of water at a time, a good tip is to place a plastic container on the lawn so you can see when you have watered enough
4. Your soil type will also dictate how often and how much you need to water, for example, sandy soils absorb and lose water quickly whereas clay soil holds water and dries more slowly
5. If your lawn undulates or slopes water may also run off or pool so take these factors into consideration too
6. Water early in the morning if possible so that the leaf dries during the day, the aim is for the grass to be dry before nightfall. Lawn diseases, fungus, mould and mildew all like moist cool dark conditions. Watering the grass at night will create ideal conditions for them to thrive
7. Good irrigation is also really important, dry or brown patches of grass indicate that water is not penetrating to the root zone and you could be wasting water
8. It's also important to save and re-use water where possible. Use water butts to catch the water from your guttering and water plants with water used in the home rather than just pulling the plug on all that valuable water
9. To make the most of the water you do use, TruGreen recommend using a wetting agent during the summer months:

Andy says: “The product we use can reduce the amount of water needed by around 75% on clay soils or by around 50% on sandy soils. Wetting agents basically allow any water – rain or otherwise – to be soaked up by the soil rather than just sit as a droplet on the surface. Many professional lawns, such as

croquet and bowls greens, use wetting agents. To see the best results a regular session of wetting agent can help reduce water usage saving on water bills as well as giving a beautiful, green lawn to the homeowner.”

TruGreen has over 50 specialists nationwide. For more information or to find your nearest expert call 0800 021 3074 or visit www.trugreen.co.uk

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