

AUGUST 2020 RECORD BREAKING TEMPS: FAQs

Q: Why has increased irrigation not helped my plants flourish?

A: Rains give plants a needed cool down period to help recover from stress. Irrigation to plants is generally done by a drip system which only provides water to the roots. With rainwater, debris like dust and pollutants are washed away which helps with transpiration and the production of sugars. We suggest providing water to plants over the top to help clean the foliage. Keep in mind the water we use has added chemicals to make it safe for consumption and will never be as good as rainwater. Rainwater is always best as it boosts nitrogen/oxygen and helps lower our soil pH which is typically high and alkaline.



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Q: My plants are dry and seem to be declining, is it time to prune?

A: No, not yet. A survival mechanism is for plants to throw off foliage. If we prune plants too soon it may cause damage, as it would naturally recover when we see cooler temps. We ask you be patient with your landscaping. You may notice plants are producing a lot of seed due to current weather conditions, especially our desert trees. This is a natural defense mechanism as plants are stressed and trying to procreate. We are also seeing an increase of tree debris and low canopies due to extra weight of the seed pods.

Q: Why the increase in my water budget?

A: Whether you have Smart Controllers or are making manual adjustments, water usage has been increased to keep our plants/turf healthy through this summer. As soon as we reach cooler temperatures water usage will be reduced. You may see water running at times that are not typical, but this has become necessary for survival. If you do not want irrigation to run at a certain time or day, please let your Account Manager know. But please note, run times have been scheduled based on the needs of your landscaping, changes can be detrimental to the plants and turf.

Q: Will my irrigation system be affected?

A: Due to increased run times we have seen an increase in irrigation repairs. Saving water is of the utmost importance and we appreciate being notified of issues located by others. Our Irrigation Technicians have been working long days and weekends to keep your irrigation systems working properly.