

Stormwater tip 7-2016

We are in that time of year when the temperatures soar and rainfall totals drop. This is when we tend to water our lawns and flowers every day. Most established lawns are happy with one inch of water per week, including rainfall, so chances are that your lawn will be fine without extra watering. If you do water, it's best to do so in the morning or in the evening when it's cooler so less water will be lost to evaporation. If you are using a sprinkler, adjust it so that the water doesn't land on paved surfaces.

Another common practice this time of year is cleaning driveways and sidewalks by hosing them off. Most of the water ends up flowing down the street where it picks up pollutants before entering a storm drain. This is another way pollutants reach our local waterways. Broom-sweeping is a more appropriate and environmentally friendly method for cleaning sidewalks and driveways.