



With the first cool front coming this weekend to the Houston area, it is time to make sure your sprinkler system controller is cut back accordingly.



Brown Patch is technically classified as a summer lawn disease; however, our Houston Lawn Specialists have noticed an increase in reported cases in the fall due to excessive lawn watering.

Grass zone days should be cut back to one or two days a week. This should help avoid brown patch and ruts from the lawn mower. Bed zones run-times would depend on what you have planted. For instance, color annual flowers would need a little more water, while bushes like Ligustrums would need less. Use the weather ET (Evapotranspiration) data link below from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to see ET rates and to configure your run-time. You will also need to water your foundation during cold months, if we are dry. Deep watering the foundation works best. If you have a smart controller, it will make the changes for you. We are running a special on the Rain Bird Wi-fi smart controller. (See special below). If you need help with making changes to your settings, please call us at 281-494-3700 or fill out a service request at the top or bottom of page.

Use Weather ET Data to Determine Sprinkler Zone Run Times.

1. Go to: <http://texaset.tamu.edu>
2. On the homepage, select a station nearest to you from the Current Stations drop down list or by clicking on a map location.
3. On the next screen, select Home Watering
4. Use the calculator on the next screen to calculate the sprinkler run time and frequency for each watering zone.
 - In Step 1, input the sunlight exposure for each watering zone (full sun, part shade, full shade). Then select your turf grass species. The value for Water Requirement for Turf Type will then be automatically added to the form.
 - Step 2, Precipitation Parameters, should automatically be inputted for you. If not, then click the Show Weather Data link above the form and input the total Rain value.
 - In Step 3, input the hourly precipitation rates you calculated for each of your watering zones.
 - Select the calculate button.
 - Total Run Time, Irrigations/Week, Run Time/Irrigation will be shown. Record these values for each watering zone and place a date next to this set.
 - Periodically check the <http://texaset.tamu.edu> website and recalculate.

