



FS Commercial Landscape News



"We Keep the Grass Greener"

Can we use less water? Will our landscape still serve it's purpose / function?



Water Requirements for Trees, Shrubs, Lawn & Groundcover

All of these components have different water requirements and different functions. Some functions overlap. **1. TREES** provide shade for buildings, picnic tables and play areas. They add beauty in both leaf and flower fragrance. They provide sound and visual barriers and wind breaks. They require less frequent water and deeper water. **2. LAWNS** provide beautiful green belts that enhance the beauty of buildings and streets they surround. They provide a cooler and cleaner play area for sports, play areas, parks and yards, etc. They require frequent water to a 6" depth depending on time of year and type of grass. **3. SHRUBS** provide for sound barriers screens, flower power, fragrance, borders and to break up the flat line of a wall or house. Shrubs with thorns can keep pedestrians and animals on the regular walk protecting other parts of the landscape from the wear of foot traffic. Shrubs require moderate amounts of water at less frequent intervals. **4. GROUNDCOVER** does what its name says. It covers the ground to keep dust down to please the

eye as opposed to dirt. It requires less maintenance than lawns and also less water. It is less expensive than lawns to plant. Herbal varieties can be grown and may actually be used for cooking as can some shrubs and trees. It's no wonder with all these basic options and even more minor options not mentioned, are why making landscape decisions can be a tough job. Years of personal on the job experience and schooling, and a lot of common sense and good communication are required to make the best decisions possible to solve our landscape challenges. Can some of your landscape areas be changed for less water use? Where function overlaps, change is possible.



Roots

In the mid 1970's few people understood that roots of trees usually grow close to the soil surface. A common perception at the time was that trees had a massive tap root and root distribution mirrored the crown. We know now that the old concept wasn't true. 25 years of research on root development has led us to understand how to fertilize and water more effectively.

What's your Problem?

1. Too much water in some areas too little in others.
2. Tree roots in planting areas?
3. Bare dirt, worn areas.
4. Weeds overtaking ground cover.
5. Squirrels, gophers
6. Weeds in lawns
7. Vines on buildings and walls.
8. Trucks cutting corners- ruining landscape
9. Standing water in parking lots.
10. Cars and or windows getting wet by sprinklers.

Call us with your dilemma.

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