

RECOMMENDED WATERING SCHEDULE FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA ESTABLISHED GARDEN & LANDSCAPE PLANTS

SPRING: March – April

SUMMER: May - Sept.

FALL: Oct. – Nov.

WINTER: Dec.-Feb.

Type of vegetation	Season	Watering Frequency	Major rootzone Minimum watering depth*
Cacti, Agave & Yucca	Summer	10 – 14 days	12 – 18 inches
	Spring/Fall	21 – 28 days	"
	Winter	No irrigation	"
Desert Trees & Shrubs	Summer	14 – 21 days	24 – 36 inches
	Spring/Fall	(same as above)	"
	Winter	No irrigation	"
Desert Ground Covers & Perennials	Summer	7 – 10 days	12 – 18 inches
	Spring/Fall	10 – 14 days	"
	Winter	14 – 21 days	"
Non-Desert Trees and Shrubs	Summer	7 – 14 days	24 – 36 inches
	Spring/Fall	10 – 21 days	"
	Winter	14 – 21 days	"
Non-Desert Ground Covers & Vines	Summer	5 – 7 days	12 – 18 inches
	Spring/Fall	7 – 10 days	"
	Winter	10 – 14 days	"
Palms	Summer	5 – 10 days	36 inches
	Spring/Fall	10 – 14 days	"
	Winter	14 – 21 days	"
Citrus Trees	Summer	7 – 10 days	36 inches
	Spring/Fall	10 – 14 days	"
	Winter	14 – 21 days	"
Roses and Perennial Flowers *	Summer	3 – 5 days	18 – 24 inches
	Spring/Fall	5 – 7 days	"
	Winter	7 – 14 days	"
Season Flowers & Vegetables *	Summer	2 – 5 days	12 – 18 inches
	Spring/Fall	2 – 5 days	"
	Winter	3 – 7 days	"
Lawns (Bermudagrass) Lawns (Transitional) Lawns (Perennial Ryegrass)	Summer	2 – 4 days	6 – 8 inches
	Spring/Fall	3 – 5 days	"
	Winter	5 – 7 days	"
Patio Container Plants	Summer	1 – 3 days	To bottom of pot
	Spring/Fall	2 – 5 days	"
	Winter	5 – 7 days	"
Potted Cacti & Succulents	Summer	5 – 7 days	To bottom of pot
	Spring/Fall	7 – 10 days	"
	Winter	10 – 14 days	"

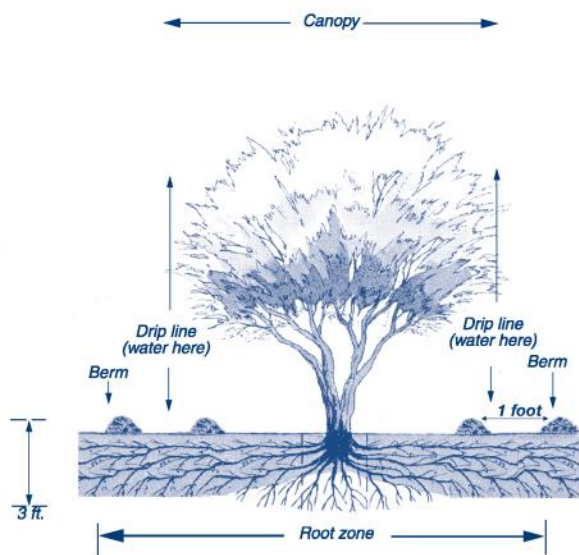
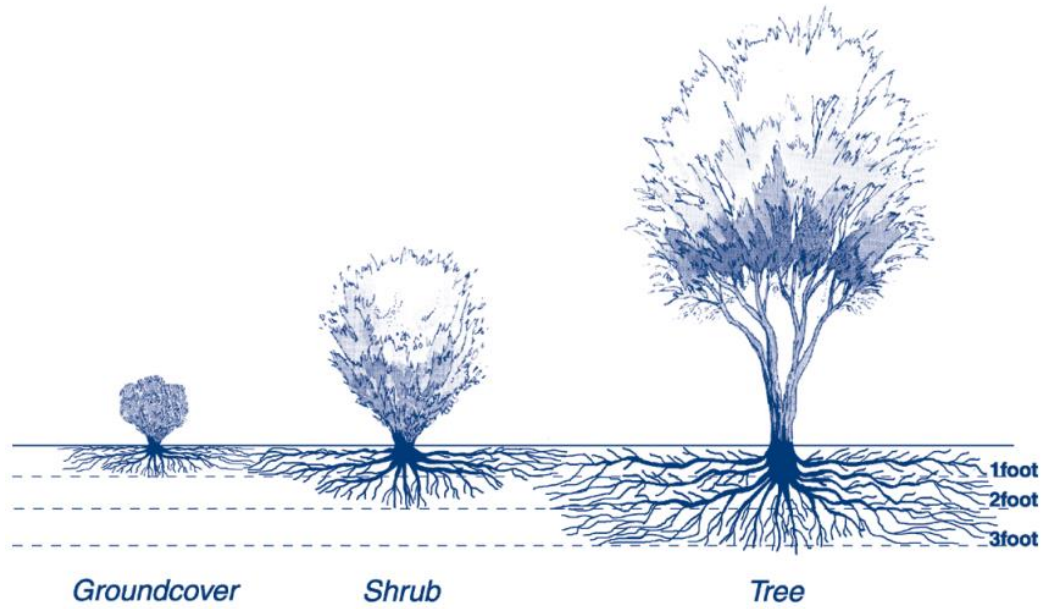
(Re-typed from the U of A Cooperative Extension "blue sheet" handout)

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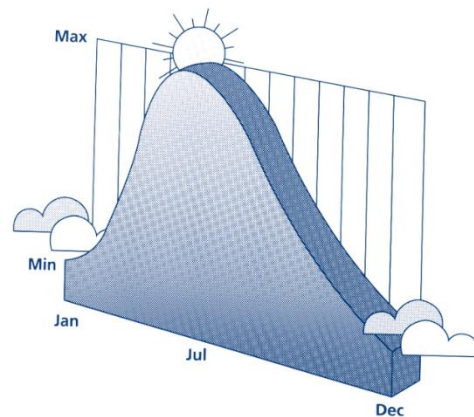
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Suggested Watering Depth for Different Types of Plants



Seasonal plant water use



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