

Drought Survival Tips For Your Lawn

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Glendale Municipal Code (30.32.130) requires that all property owners maintain their landscaping and vegetation in good condition. However, drought and hot weather are facts of life most of us have to deal with at some point, especially during the summer months.



During periods of abnormally low moisture, you can prepare for your lawn's survival. Here are some tips from the Turf Resource Center, an organization devoted to promoting proper landscaping maintenance:

Before The Drought

Performing a couple of simple tasks 30 to 45 days prior to an expected drought, dry period, or hot weather can have a real impact on your lawn's survivability. The following will make the lawn as strong and healthy as possible beforehand:

- Reduce or eliminate nitrogen fertilizer and increase potassium fertilizer
- Water lawn at night or early in the morning
- Water less frequently, but more deeply
- Sharpen your mower blades two or three times per season



- Mow often so you never remove more than the top third of grass blades
- Leave clippings on the lawn
- Avoid using herbicides & pesticides



Once temperatures reach high levels for a week or more, take these additional steps:

- Raise the mowing height 25 percent or more
- Reduce traffic on the lawn
- Increase watering on areas near buildings and other heat reflecting surfaces, as well as high or sloped areas
- Water the lawn deeply, either late at night or early in the morning