

It's a Marathon Out There

Let's assume you have been challenged to run a marathon. Not being one to back down from a challenge, you accept. You begin training by running around the block. Then you can run a mile! But you don't stop there. Next it's five miles and ten miles. After each training session you need rest and nutrition. Soon you are ready to take on the entire 26.2 miles.

Watering your lawn is like running a marathon. You need to train the roots to grow or "run" deeper into the soil. If you water every day, the roots will stay near the surface where the water is. There is no reason for them to grow deeper or run longer. If you begin skipping days between watering periods, the roots will begin to grow deeper to reach more water. You also need to provide nutrients for the plants as well, just like what you need when training to run. Aerate the soil to provide oxygen and add compost for nutrition. The deeper the roots grow, the longer your grass can go between irrigations. During the peak of the summer, your grass should be able to easily go three to four days without needing water. If the roots are deep enough, you can water only once a week. And just like a good athlete, your grass needs to take time off. Turn your irrigation system off during the winter when the grass is dormant to save even more water. Request an irrigation system evaluation from a W.I.S.E. Guys Licensed Irrigator for assistance in planning your watering schedule.

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