

Having Trouble Beating the Heat?

We have had some beautiful days so far this year. The sun has warmed us up and helped everything to grow so beautifully. There is only one problem with beautiful summers like this one, and that is keeping everything watered. When the weather is hot and dry it takes a lot of water to keep plants and grass looking their best. It becomes difficult to keep up. Maybe you have driven by some houses where the grass is still a lush green and nothing looks like it is suffering for water and you wonder how they manage to keep it looking so good in this weather. I would bet that they have an irrigation system.

In the summer heat an irrigation system is a must have in order to achieve maximum performance out of your lawn and gardens. If you are considering installing an irrigation system there are a few things to consider. First you need to calculate the amount of flow that you have available and put this into gallon per minute (GPM). This is important to know so that you can calculate how many sprinklers can be run at the same time. Next you divide up your yard into zones. Each zone gets watered individually so that you have optimum pressure.

There are two types of systems. The first is a professionally installed system with pipes and hoses under the ground and sprinklers that pop up and water. The second type is one that you put onto your outside facet with hoses attached. There are several varieties of these. Simple ones need to be turned on every time you use them and a timer will turn them off. A more complex version can be set to turn on multiple hoses at different times on odd or even days, everyday, or every second day.

Irrigation systems are important to have if you want your yard to look its best. You don't have to worry that the plants and grass are going to die, and if you go on vacation you don't have to have someone come over and water for you. In the long run it saves you time and money.