

Tips for Saving Your Lawn During and After a Drought

- 01.** Increase and improve lawn maintenance 30 to 45 days before expected dry weather or drought.
- 02.** Water deeply but less often and late at night or in the early morning. Increase watering near buildings and on sloped areas.
- 03.** Collect rainwater and use recycled water from dishwashing and baths to reduce waste.
- 04.** Apply organic mulch generously to plant beds and around trees to reduce evaporation.
- 05.** Treat new plants and trees with organic products to reduce water loss, improve nutrients in the soil, and prevent browning.
- 06.** Reduce or eliminate nitrogen fertilizer and increase the use of potassium fertilizer.
- 07.** Minimize stress from pests and diseases with organic treatments.
- 08.** Prune dead tree limbs and flowers to enhance new growth.
- 09.** Sharpen lawnmower blades frequently and leave the lawn two inches high to improve moisture. Leave clippings on the yard.
- 10.** Avoid heavy lawn use and let it grow 25 percent higher during dry conditions. Restrict watering to the most important areas.

Tips for Saving Your Home's Structural Health During and After a Drought

- 01.** Perform your own inspection to identify any problem areas.
- 02.** Look over your home's structural supports.
- 03.** Look for cracks in your foundation walls and basement floors.
- 04.** Act quickly if you find moisture or humidity in your basement or crawl space.
- 05.** Inspect your property for cracking, sinking concrete or foundation settlement.
- 06.** Contact your local foundation repair specialists to avoid irreparable damage.