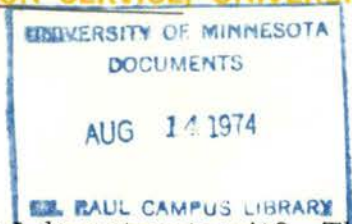




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Watering Lawns



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Will my lawn die if I do not water it? This is a frequently asked question now. University of Minnesota extension specialists say normally unwatered grass will stop growing, turn brown and enter a dormant condition.

With the return of cooler nights and adequate rainfall, it will revive and begin growth again. If the drought is prolonged and severe, it would be good insurance to thoroughly water the dormant grass occasionally.

Lawns established for less than a year are not so resistant to moisture stress and probably will not survive the drought without water.

If your lawn turned brown in July when you were not able to water it, it should start to turn green about August 10th. The demand for moisture is determined by the length of day and the air temperature. As the days become shorter and temperatures lower, the demand for moisture will be considerably less.

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Flower Beds

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If your annual flowers are a disappointment this summer, you may need to find a new location for a flower bed. When zinnias mildew, nasturtiums are thin, spindly and fail to bloom and marigolds are late with few blossoms, you are probably not getting enough sunlight for vigorous growth.

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