Your Lawn May Have a Drinking Problem!

Fortunately, help is at your fingertips!

Overwatering can encourage:

- Shallow root systems
- Deep, infrequent watering
- Light, frequent watering
- Chinch bug damage
- Excessive thatch, particularly in St. Augustine grass

Remember: Overwatering can damage your lawn and hurt your investment.

To control pests, weeds and other lawn diseases, don’t invest your money in expensive lawn rehabilitation, such as pesticides, fungicides and herbicides. Instead...

**Follow this Healthy Lawn Rx:**

- Irrigate only as needed, once plants are established
- Establish a deep, drought-tolerant root system
- Don’t throw water on a drowning plant
- The absolute last thing you want to do is irrigate a lawn wet from rainfall
- Use mulch and fertilizer properly
- Plant the right plant in the right place

**For more details:**

- Call 727-464-4000, press “0” and tell the representative “I want a healthy lawn.”
- Visit our web site at: www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.
- Check out the Pinellas County Extension web site at: http://coop.co.pinellas.fl.us/fyn/Yard.html.

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