Conserving Water

Today on Gardening in a Minute: conserving water.

We all know water’s a limited resource and should be used wisely, especially during a drought, but we often overwater our landscapes unintentionally.

Watch your landscape for signs of water need. Water your lawn only when at least a third of it is wilted. Look for folded grass blades and footprints that remain visible. Monitor plants for wilt, as well, and check planting bed soil for dryness before you irrigate.

Choose a water-efficient microirrigation system for your garden, and make sure that your sprinklers are watering only the yard, not sidewalks and other hard surfaces.

To reduce long-term water needs in your landscape, choose drought-tolerant, Florida-friendly plants that will survive future dry periods.

Wise water use reduces water bills, helps keep plants healthy, and protects the environment!

For more information about conserving water and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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