Controlling Your Irrigation System Manually

Today on Gardening in a Minute: controlling your irrigation system manually.

Many irrigation systems are set up for automated watering. Automated irrigation is convenient, but may do more harm than good.

Even following once-a-week watering restrictions can lead to overwatering. And your landscape may be getting more than enough water from rainfall, so you might not need to irrigate at all.

Let your plants tell you when should irrigate rather than watering on a schedule by default. Overwatering can make your landscape more susceptible to disease and pests. It can also contribute to water pollution.

When you apply more water than your landscape needs, you not only spend more of your own money, but also waste a valuable natural resource that everyone shares. So switch your irrigation system to manual and learn to listen to your landscape instead!

For more information about irrigation systems, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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