



## FYN Garden Q & A Series

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### FYN Topic: Lawn Irrigation Focus of FYN Seminar

**Question:** How often should I be adjusting my automatic irrigation timer/scheduler during March and April? I'd like to save money by using less water for irrigation. Celeste, Fort Myers

**Answer:** Changes can be made monthly or weekly. But, keep irrigation frequency to no more than once or twice weekly. Set your automatic timer to turn on for 10 minutes per zone. Keep the scheduler set to apply water only on the right days of the week permitted by your address. Experts suggest a lawn requires ½" to ¾" of water per zone per application twice weekly. However, many trees and shrubs can survive on half that amount of water applied weekly.

Learn more about irrigation scheduling at a Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ seminar series this Wednesday, March 13 at 9 a. m. This landscaping class will focus on water conservation, low volume irrigation & harvesting rainwater. Two remaining Wednesday morning seminars, March 20 and 27, will focus on low maintenance and Florida-Friendly yard and tree care. All three sessions are FREE and a native plant tour follow each one starting at 10:30AM. This seminar series is at the Eco-Living Center at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Blvd. Fort Myers. No pre-registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome. For information, call 239-533-7505.

### Useful Links

<http://www.floridayards.org>  
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>  
<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>

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