

How to Make a Simple Rain Gauge



The average lawn needs about one inch of moisture per week. Over-watering not only can be harmful to your lawn, but it's not environmentally conscious. So, how do you know how much water your lawn is getting from either your sprinkler or Mother Nature? Check it with a simple "rain gauge" you can make.

Take an empty tuna can or can of similar size and place one or more of them – space them about 15 feet apart - in an area you are going to water. Tuna cans are the perfect rain gauge because you don't really even have to measure- they are just over an inch high. Check how much water your sprinkler has applied to the area at intervals to determine how long it takes to apply one inch. You will now have a good idea of how long the sprinkler must be on to get an inch of moisture and you can adjust your watering methods accordingly.

Of course this method doesn't take into account Mother Nature's contribution to watering your lawn...