

Eco-Tip of the week

Should I water my lawn in dry weather?

For the first time, the Royal Horticultural Society is urging gardeners **NOT** to use mains (drinking) water to keep their lawn looking green in a dry summer. It recommends allowing the grass to turn yellow or brown to help prevent water shortages and to protect wildlife in rivers which are in danger of drying up.



Lawn sprinkling can use as much water in an hour as a person would use in an entire week!

A brown lawn will recover rapidly once a dry spell comes to an end with no long term effects.

The RHS and Cranfield University have launched a website, mains2rains.uk, where gardeners can pledge to adopt measures to save water, including installing a water butt, placing drip trays beneath pots and adding mulch around new plants.