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Welcome to our New Monthly Newsletter

Summer has now officially arrived! Whilst it has been a unseasonably wet winter this year, rainfall records for the Bay of Plenty have observed their fourth wettest year in history, with a met service meteorologist describing 2017 as "the year it didn't stop raining". Therefore with so much rainfall its easy to disregard watering at this time of year. Over the last few weeks the Bay of Plenty has experienced very windy and warm temperatures, many lawns are already indicating signs of Drought Stress.

During periods of high evaporation it is really important to notice those changes to your lawn. Like the lawn photographed below you can start to notice your lawn has either got a grey or silver blue tinge, is browning in colour or a thinning to the leaf, these are some of the early signs. And for those of you that love to keep your lawns looking lush, green and healthy, we cannot recommend enough that your lawn is likely to need a good drenching at least three times a week.



Here are some tips for keeping your lawn healthy this summer:

- Be vigilant to changes in the colour of your lawn.
- Avoid mowing your lawn during the height of the day when its hot, wait until its cooler.
- Try not to mow your lawn too short, some grass species are more adaptable to short cutting than others.
- You can help your grass when its hot by watering it for one minute in the afternoon, this cools the lawn down, and helps against heat stress and wilting.
- Wetting agents and surfactants can help the top soil hold onto the moisture for longer, therefore reducing the speed of evaporation, the risk of drought stress as well as disease. We supply a DIY wetting agent

product that you can connect onto your garden hose which is a great way to help keep your grass green.

- Don't weed spray lawns whilst its hot, it causes whats known as Phytotoxicity. This burns and kills your lawn. **NO WEED SPRAYING LAWNS.**
- High humidity can cause outbreaks in disease so fungal prevention's are important, if you notice orange dust on your feet or shoes after walking on your grass, this is likely to be crown rust disease.



The above photos give a good example of how the colours can change in your lawn through lack of water.

LawnFix Irrigation Health Check

Cost - \$45 plus GST

Includes:

A full reprogram and setting of the irrigation controllers

Cleaning and adjusting sprinkler heads and ensuring full coverage

If you would like LawnFix to come and give your irrigation system an annual health check, please give Andy a call to schedule in an appointment to come and visit you.





With the festive season fast approaching, we would like to wish all of our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous
New Year.

We shall be closed between 22nd December and the 8th January so we can take some time to chill out in the garden. However should you have any irrigation emergencies, then please get in touch with
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