# WATER TIPS FROM YOUR LAWN

6 6 I'm nature's friend. Some might say I'm a bit over-protective. But I can't help it. She's too important. I don't mind protecting and defending her. But I can't do it alone. Help me care for her water. And to say thanks, I promise to keep your water clean and help you use less of it each year.

#### Love, Your Lawn

#### With good care, you'll water less

- Feeding 3-4 times a year, builds roots that can reach water in the soil better. Stronger, deeper roots mean you'll have to water less.
- Mow your lawn at the highest setting. Taller grass promotes deeper roots and holds water in the soil better.

# Timing is everything

- \* If you choose to water beyond what Mother Nature provides, wait until your lawn dulls in color or begins to wilt.
- Watering in the morning or the coolest part of the day reduces water loss from evaporation. When it's windy, turn the hose off so water doesn't blow off of the lawn.

#### Save water and save money

- \* Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.
- \* Tune up your irrigation system. Check for broken, crooked, or clogged nozzles and repair or replace them.

# Dormant lawns are okay too

Sometimes when it's hot and dry, your lawn will go dormant and turn brown. Don't worry. It will bounce back once it starts to rain again, especially if you've fed it well. If you do choose to water, be aware of and follow local watering restrictions.

# Give your lawn some air

Sometimes soil becomes dense and compact. Aerate your lawn so that water moves deeper into the soil where grass can use it, instead of running off into storm drains.

