



## PAULDING COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

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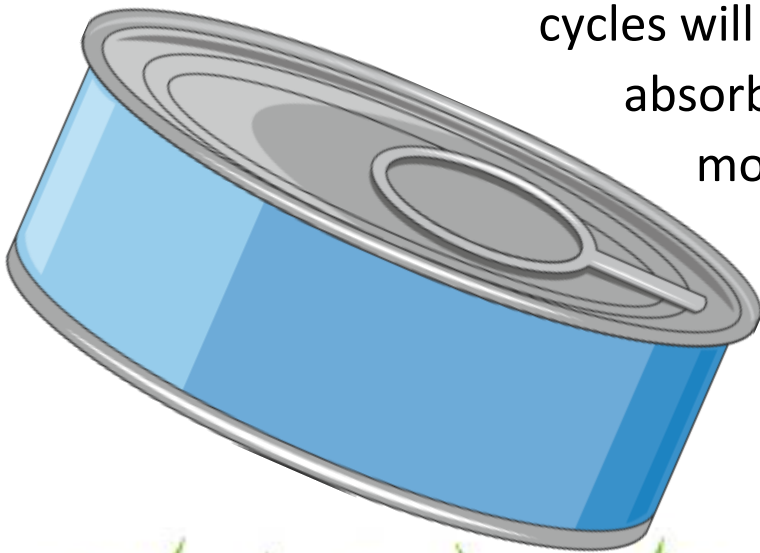
# How Thirsty Are Your Plants?

In our area, outdoor plants only need about 1 inch of water PER WEEK! That's about the depth of a tuna can! To check your system, place several of these size cans evenly throughout your irrigation zones and run your system for 15 minutes. Measure the average amount of water in the cans with a ruler and multiply by 4; this is the amount of water your system provides if it runs for one hour. Adjust your sprinklers as needed based on the results.

For example, if your average is 1 inch over 1 hour, adjust your system so that it runs for a total of 60 minutes per week either as six 10 minute cycles or ten 6 minute cycles. The short multiple cycles will allow the water to be better

absorbed by the soil. Remember...the

most water efficient way to water is through several short cycles of 6-10 minutes each and the best times to water are before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.



**\*\*Ask a Customer Service Representative for a rain gauge to take home today to measure rainfall and cut down on using your irrigation system \*\***