



Tuna Can Water Test Instructions

What You'll Need:

- 1-3 empty tuna cans (or any short, flat-bottomed can of similar size)
- A ruler

Steps:

1. Place the Cans:

- Space the empty tuna cans evenly throughout the area you are watering (lawn or garden).
- Use more cans for larger areas.
- Place one in the center, and at least one near the edges.

2. Run Your Sprinkler System:

- Turn on your irrigation system for 15-20 minutes.

3. Measure the Water Depth:

- After the time is up, use a ruler to measure the depth of water in each can (in inches or millimeters).

4. Calculate the Average:

- Add all the measurements together and divide by the number of cans to get the average amount of water applied.

What It Means:

- Lawns typically need 1 to 2 inches of water per week, including rainfall.
- If your cans collected 0.25 inches in 15 minutes, then you'd need about 1 hour total per week to reach 1 inch.

Why Use This Test?

- Avoid Overwatering or Underwatering
- Improve Lawn Health
- Save Water & Money
- Adjust Your Schedule Based on Actual Output

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TUNA CAN WATER TEST

Is your lawn getting enough water?



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Grab 2-3 empty tuna cans



Place them around your lawn

3



Run your sprinklers for 15 minutes

4




Use a ruler to measure the water in each can

5



Add the measurements, divide by the number of cans

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