

**In the following three steps you'll plan your irrigation system.**

Both in-ground sprinklers and surface drip tubing are available. Each has its advantages.

***Sprinklers***

For large yards, lawns, or sprawling ground cover, spray watering is the best option. And if you want to spend time enjoying your yard rather than watering it, an underground sprinkler system is an investment that will pay off handsomely in the years ahead.

***Drip Irrigation***

Drip is the most efficient way to water. A low-pressure, low-volume drip system provides water slowly so it soaks into the ground and doesn't run off. Drip also discourages weeds since surfaces between plantings remain dry.

Tubes at the base of each plant deliver water only to the roots. This keeps leaves dry and therefore plants are less susceptible to disease, and evaporation is minimized.

Be sure to read the irrigation topics in [<<GUIDE preparing the site>> Chapter 3 of the Design Guide, "Preparing the Site".<<END>>](#)