

21 NCAC 23 .0603 SCHEDULING

- (a) An irrigation contractor shall recommend to the owner or his representative that:
- (1) the owner adjust the irrigation schedule and automatic controller to respond to the changing water requirements of the landscape;
 - (2) the owner inspect irrigation controllers at least monthly to change irrigation frequencies or run times, as needed; and
 - (3) the owner should avoid irrigation during rain events.
- (b) An irrigation contractor shall:
- (1) identify soil type, microclimates, and root depths of plants in each irrigation zone;
 - (2) calculate the run-time of each irrigation zone to supply the needed water based upon precipitation rate of the sprinkler zones, the water-holding capacity of the soil, the changing weather conditions and the plant's water requirements; and
 - (3) set initial run times and intervals to minimize runoff.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 89G-5;
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