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Zoned Irrigation Systems

Today on Gardening in a Minute: zoned irrigation systems.

A well-designed, good-quality irrigation system really simplifies watering, but it must be designed and managed properly.

Your irrigation system should be divided into separate zones, each of which can deliver the right amount of water for the plants it contains. For example, flower beds have different irrigation requirements than lawn areas.

If your irrigation system doesn't currently follow this pattern, now's a good time to update it.

There are different sprinkler types for the different areas of the landscape. For example, rotor-type heads are typically used to water turf areas, while pop-up and other spray-type heads are used in planting beds. Don't forget about using low-volume or drip irrigation, as they can save a lot of water and money, and make sure you have a rain sensor.

For more information about irrigation systems, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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