

USING TENSIOLOGERS WITH STRAWBERRIES IN COARSE TEXTURED SOILS (SAND & LOAMY SAND)

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Install the tensiometers 6" and 12" deep in two locations in your field.

Use the following readings as guidelines:

Less than 10 is too wet – keep above that

You can wait till 15 to irrigate

Do not go above 20 as the soil will be too dry when the weather is hot

Check water level every 2 weeks. Replace with distilled water containing the recommended amount of green preservation fluid.

Keep tensiometer covered with a can at all times.

At the end of the season do not pull the tensiometers out of the ground and let them dry out. This will plug up the white ceramic tip.

If you remove the tensiometers, they need to immediately be washed clean and flushed out for two days with distilled water.