Should I Run My Sprinklers?

Can I easily push a 6 inch screwdriver all the way into the soil? Yes! No!

Is it my day/time to water? Yes! No!

Wait a couple more days. Your soil moisture is sufficient.
Sprinkle away! Your soil is dry and your lawn is probably stressed.

Water if your lawn needs it.
Don't water. Breaking the Law is frowned upon.

Is it raining? Yes! No!

No. Don't watering during a rain storm is exactly 0% useful.

Has it rained recently? Yes! No!

Good. Lawns provide a cooling effect, visual appeal, and recreational value.

Well, definitely don't water bare ground and weeds. Use your sprinklers only with a purpose.

Do I have a lawn? Yes! No!

Adjust your irrigation accordingly. If your lawn needs 1 inch of water and it rained 0.5 inches, cut your watering in half.

Go ahead and water an appropriate amount.

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension
vikram.baliga@ag.tamu.edu
www.lubbock.agrilife.org
806-775-1740