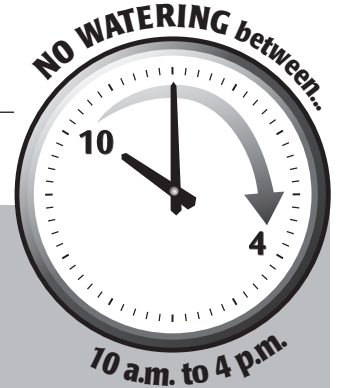


LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATER RESTRICTIONS

Residents and Businesses – Effective: 9/19/08

Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties



Landscape Irrigation

Restrictions apply to all sources of water – from a utility, a private well or withdrawals from a canal, lake or pond.

All Property Sizes:

Landscape irrigation for all property types and sizes is allowed two days a week on this schedule:

ODD-number address: Wednesday and Saturday – 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

EVEN-number address, no street address, systems that irrigate both odd and even address within the same zones, including multi-family units, homeowners associations and commercial complexes/retail shopping centers:

Thursday and Sunday 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

For the most efficient use of water, avoid irrigating during both time periods on the same day. Most lawns need only $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch of water per week.

Watering is not allowed between **10 a.m.** and **4 p.m.**

Low-volume systems such as drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time.

New Plantings, Sod or Landscape

New landscaping should be installed within a reasonable time from the date of purchase and verified with a receipt or invoice.

All Property Sizes:

In place on first day:

New landscaping can be watered without regard to restrictions on the first day it is installed.

In place from 2 days to 30 days:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday AND/OR Sunday (any days except Friday):

12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

In place from 31 days to 60 days:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, AND/OR Saturday:

12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Additional watering days can only be used to benefit new landscaping, and an entire irrigation system zone may only be watered if it contains at least 50% new landscaping. If less than 50%, use targeted or hand-watering.

Hand Watering

For stressed plants, 10 minutes per day on any day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off nozzle.

Fertilizer, Insecticide, Fungicide and Herbicide Water-In

Allowed during normally allowable watering days and times unless a professional licensed applicator has posted a temporary sign containing the date of application and the date(s) of needed watering-in activity.

Irrigation System Repair

Allowed during restricted days and times for cleaning, testing, maintenance and repair no more than once per week and run time should not exceed 10 minutes per zone. **An attendant must be on site** in the area being tested and/or repaired.

Reclaimed Water

Irrigation using 100% reclaimed and/or supplemental reclaimed water is allowed from **12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.** any day of the week.

Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Decorative Fountains and All Other Outdoor Water Uses

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged.

Variations

You may apply for a variance from water restrictions. The application form and instructions are online at www.sfwmd.gov.

For more information about variances, call **(800) 432-2045**.

For more information on water shortage restrictions, visit our web site at www.sfwmd.gov/conserv or call our **Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876** to request more information.

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Frequently Asked Questions About Water Restrictions

How much of these expanded watering opportunities should I use to irrigate my lawn?

Proper irrigation is based on the amount of water each lawn needs. Lawns and landscapes typically need to receive only three-quarters to an inch of water each week. This usually means a maximum of two hours of irrigation per week, or a maximum of 15 minutes per irrigation zone for each water application. The lawn may not need to be watered at all if it has rained during the week.

I water my lawn from a well, canal, pond or surface lake. Do these restrictions apply to me?

Yes. Surface and groundwater sources are connected. Water in lakes and canals helps protect private and public wells from saltwater intrusion, and helps store rainfall to recharge wells and aquifers.

Can I hand water my lawn?

Yes. You can hand water stressed plants for 10 minutes per day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off or trigger nozzle.

What other low-volume watering methods are allowed?

Drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time. However, a voluntary reduction in use is encouraged, and any low-volume system should not produce water runoff. Watering cans are also low-volume and can be used anytime.

When can I wash my car or boat?

Anytime. Vehicle washing is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged. When washing a car, park it over a non-paved or porous surface to limit water runoff, and always attach an automatic shut-off or trigger nozzle to your hose. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water.

My organization is scheduling a fundraising car wash. Do we need to apply for a variance?

No. There are no restrictions on vehicle washing. Always attach automatic shutoff or trigger nozzles to hoses and, if possible, channel runoff water to a grassy area or porous surface.

When can I use a water pressure washer?

Anytime. Pressure washing is not restricted. Use low-volume equipment that produces water pressure of 1,000 pounds per square inch to 4,000 pounds per square inch. Channel runoff water onto the grass or another non-paved surface.

Is there a way that I can get permission to change my watering days or times?

Yes. You may apply for a variance from water restrictions. The application form and instructions for completing the form are online at www.sfwmd.gov. Click the Water Restrictions tab in the left column. Links to the form and instructions are in a light green box labeled "Need another day or time?" on the right side of the page. Your application will be reviewed by South Florida Water Management District staff, and approval or denial is based on criteria listed in the Water Shortage Plan Rule.

What happens if I don't follow these restrictions?

Residential and commercial water restrictions are mandatory and will be enforced by South Florida Water Management District staff, local governments and law enforcement agencies. Residential fines vary by municipality, but typically range from \$25 to \$125 for a first offense. Civil penalties for violations of restrictions by District permittees and commercial users begin at \$1,500 and can increase depending on the severity and frequency of the violation.

How can I report violations of water restrictions?

You may report violations to local law enforcement or city/county zoning and code enforcement agencies. Both have the authority to issue warnings and citations that can lead to fines. If you choose to notify your local law enforcement agency, please call their non-emergency number.

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