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PLANT CITY
Florida

Outdoor Irrigation & Water Use Information

Plant City water use restrictions and water conservation measures are established by adopting and utilizing ***SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (DISTRICT) RULES AND DIRECTIVES***

For more information, contact the District
(800) 848-0499, | watermatters.org

Plant City Water Conservation
Florida-Friendly Landscaping Informational Brochures | Water Saving Kits

Water Conservation Section
705 N Alexander Street | Plant City, Florida 33563
(813) 659-4298 | Ext. 4903
plantcitygov.com (Water Resource Management Division)

The District's Governing Board voted April 25, 2017, to declare ***MODIFIED PHASE I WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS***

for all 16 counties throughout the District's boundaries.
Modified Phase I Water Shortage Restrictions are in effect

May 8, 2017 through July 31, 2017

This includes Plant City.

CURRENT ALLOWABLE WATERING DAYS AND TIMES DO NOT CHANGE.

However, the primary purpose for a Phase I Water Shortage is to alert the public watering restrictions could be forthcoming.

The Modified Phase I Water Shortage prohibits "wasteful and unnecessary" water use.

Florida's dry season runs October through May.

April is historically one of the driest months of the year.

The District encourages year-round water conservation.

Some local governments such as Hillsborough County, Tampa, Clearwater and St. Petersburg have local ordinances with special twice-per-week outdoor irrigation schedules.

Other local governments including Pasco and Sarasota counties have local ordinances for remaining on one-day-per week outdoor irrigation.

TWO DAY PER WEEK OUTDOOR IRRIGATION

WATERING TIMES: BEFORE 10AM or AFTER 4PM

OUTDOOR IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS apply to all water sources
Public and private water utilities, all wells and surface waters.

ADDRESS / PROPERTY	DAYS
EVEN	THURSDAY AND/OR SUNDAY
ODD	WEDNESDAY AND/OR SATURDAY

Locations without a discernable address such as rights-of-way and common areas inside a subdivision: TUESDAY AND/OR FRIDAY

CITY PROPERTIES / RIGHTS-OF-WAY: A ONE DAY PER WEEK SCHEDULE

* * W A T E R I N G V I O L A T I O N S * *

PLANT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER: 757-9200



In-ground, automatic and manual operation irrigation systems



Garden hose and portable, hose-end sprinklers

NEW LAWN & PLANTS ► 30-30 ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

Begins the day new plant material (sod/landscape) is installed.

Limited to areas containing **new plant material ONLY.**

An entire zone of an irrigation system may only be used for establishment period watering if the zone in question is for an area containing **at least 50% new plant material.**

On the day of installation, new lawns and plants may be watered ONCE, on any day...at any time.

ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD WATERING IS PROHIBITED BETWEEN 10AM AND 4PM

DAYS	ADDRESS / PROPERTY
1-30	ALL ADDRESSES: ANY DAY DURING ALLOWABLE WATERING HOURS
31-60	EVEN: TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SUNDAY
	ODD: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY
	NO DISCERNIBLE ADDRESS, RIGHTS-OF-WAYS (MEDIANS): TUESDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

RAIN SENSORS ► *Florida law* requires any person who purchases and installs an automatic irrigation system must install, maintain and operate technology which inhibits or interrupts operation of the system during periods of sufficient moisture.



HAND-WATERING is allowed any day at any time.

Remember, use an automatic shutoff nozzle when using a garden hose.

An unattended garden hose attached to an outdoor faucet can waste over **400 gallons** of water an hour.

An automatic shutoff nozzle can save an **estimated 60% or more** water when using a garden hose.



MICRO-IRRIGATION of landscape plants (*other than lawns*) is allowed any day or time.

No specific restrictions for **VEHICLE WASHING, FOUNTAINS and PRESSURE WASHING**. These and other water uses should be conducted as efficiently as possible. Use an automatic shutoff nozzle.

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL and AGRICULTURAL

Each user, whose use is governed by a water use permit, shall continue to comply with all permit conditions and terms. To include utilization of water conservation practices.

RECLAIMED WATER

Irrigation is allowed on any day, except between 10 AM and 4 PM

Please visit watermatters.org for more Water Conservation information.

On the District's web site, you can also view **WATER USE FACT SHEETS** on a variety of topics. To include: Low-Volume Irrigation, New Plants, Grass Seed and Irrigation System Testing

Lawn & Garden Information ► SEFFNER, FL

Learn about rain barrels and other ways to conserve water while maintaining the value of your landscaping and garden by using environmentally responsible concepts.

UF | UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA | IFAS Extension
Hillsborough County | Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program

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(813) 744-5519 | hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu

WATER CONSERVATION

PLANT CITY ► Community involvement and public awareness concerning water conservation are important as we all ensure our water resources are used efficiently.

Part of the City's water conservation efforts includes monitoring and reporting all water usage annually. We also use monthly reports for monitoring irrigation water used on City properties and rights-of-way.

This water management tool assist in developing more efficient irrigation practices.

The City also promotes water conservation by incorporating drought tolerant, Florida-Friendly and native plants in landscaping on City properties.

Saving Water 101

Programs & Offerings

Turn off the water when brushing teeth or hand-washing dishes.

A leaking toilet can waste up to **200 gallons a day**. Add 4 or 5 drops of food coloring into the tank. Wait 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl, there may be a leak.

Replacing the flapper will take care of some toilet leaks.

Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. A low-flow showerhead can use less than **3 gallons of water a minute**.

Irrigate on allowable watering day(s), during allowable hours.

Garden Hose & Indoor Water Saving Kits

Automatic shutoff nozzle, water-saving device for toilets, low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads.

Irrigation System Evaluations

Community Associations & Property Managers

Free on-site presentations and landscape evaluations. Contact the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program.