

Outdoor Irrigation & Water Use Information

PLANT CITY
Florida



ONE-DAY-PER-WEEK OUTDOOR IRRIGATION

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's (District) Governing Board voted Tuesday, May 23, 2017, to tighten water restrictions throughout the District's 16-county region.

ONE-DAY-PER-WEEK OUTDOOR IRRIGATION - BEFORE 8 AM or AFTER 6 PM

MODIFIED PHASE III WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS

June 5, 2017 – August 1, 2017

Florida's dry season runs October through May. District hydrologists indicated there is an 11-inch rainfall deficit since the start of the dry season last October.

This is the driest dry season in the past 103 years.

Plant City water use restrictions and water conservation measures are established by adopting and utilizing District rules and directives

For more information on District rules or water shortage orders, please contact the District, 800-848-0499 | watermatters.org

WATERING TIMES: BEFORE 8 AM or AFTER 6 PM

Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions apply to all users of water within the corporate limits of the City and all water sources. Public or private water systems, all wells and surface waters



In-ground, Automatic and Manual Irrigation Systems



Hose-end Sprinklers

ADDRESS / PROPERTY (ENDING IN)

DAY

0 or 1	MONDAY
2 or 3	TUESDAY
4 or 5	WEDNESDAY
6 or 7	THURSDAY
8 or 9	FRIDAY

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

CITY PROPERTIES & RIGHTS-OF-WAY: ONE DAY PER WEEK

DEED RESTRICTIONS & COMMUNITY STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT

Homeowner associations and other entities must suspend any requirement to replace lawns, pressure wash or engage in other activity which increases water usage during the water shortage declaration

**** WATERING VIOLATIONS ****

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

Plant City Water Conservation

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Information & Educational Materials | Water Saving Kits



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Water Conservation Section
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NEW LAWNS & LANDSCAPE - 60-DAY ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

Begins the day new plant material 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 contains **at least 50% new plant material**.

On the day of installation, new plant material may be watered ONCE, on any day...at any time.

ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD WATERING IS PROHIBITED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM

DAYS	ADDRESS / PROPERTY
1-30	ALL ADDRESSES: ANY DAY DURING ALLOWABLE WATERING HOURS
31-60	EVEN: TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SUNDAY ODD: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

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.



An example is a RAIN SENSOR

HAND-WATERING & MICRO-IRRIGATION of landscape plants (other than lawn) is allowed on any day at any time, if needed

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

An unattended garden hose can waste over **400 gallons** of water an hour.

An automatic shutoff nozzle reduces water usage with a garden hose by an **estimated 60%**



VEHICLE WASHING

- Once-per-week on the designated watering day for the location.
- Commercial car washes, including mobile detailing businesses, may operate on any day.
- Emergency and other first responder vehicles may be washed on any day, as needed.
- Fundraising events are prohibited unless they were scheduled prior to the enactment of the Modified Phase III Water Shortage Order.

PRESSURE WASHING

- **Annual** pressure washing for aesthetic purposes is allowed.
- Pressure washing of driveways and sidewalks for necessary purposes, such as prior to painting or sealing, in order to maintain a paint or material warranty, to address a health or safety hazard and to meet federal, state or local health or safety standards **is allowed**.

FOUNTAINS & OTHER AESTHETIC WATER FEATURES

Operate only eight hours per day.

Hours of operation can be selected by the owner. Hours must be posted.

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL and AGRICULTURAL

Follow published industry standards, best management practices and water conservation practices. Such users governed by a water use permit, shall continue to comply with all permit conditions and terms.

RECLAIMED WATER irrigation is allowed on any day, except between 10 AM and 4 PM.

To view more details on Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Fountains, Recreational and Miscellaneous Water Uses, please click on the following link,
WATER USE FACT SHEETS

For more Water Conservation information and ways to save water at home, work and school, please visit the **District's Water Conservation Web Page**

Lawn & Garden Information

Learn about the benefits of Florida-Friendly landscaping, rain barrels and other ways to conserve water by using environmentally responsible concepts.

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 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences | IFAS Extension
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WATER CONSERVATION . . .

How Does The City Save Water?

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 of City properties and rights-of-way.

This water management tool assists 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**

CHECK for leaks in toilets, faucets, showerheads, garden hoses, irrigation systems and swimming pools.

✓ **TURN OFF** all faucets and water-using appliances

✓ **WRITE DOWN** the water meter reading. Wait 30 minutes.

✓ **READ** the water meter again. If you see a different reading or if the water flow indicator is moving...

You may have a leak



TURN OFF the water when brushing teeth or hand-washing dishes.

A leaking toilet can waste up to **200 GALLONS A DAY.** **REPLACING** the flapper will take care of some toilet leaks.

INSTALL low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. Some low-flow showerheads use less than **3 GALLONS A MINUTE.**

IRRIGATE only on allowable watering day(s), during allowable times.

GARDEN HOSE & INDOOR WATER SAVING KITS.

Automatic shutoff nozzle, garden hose timer, water-saving devices for toilets, low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATIONS

Provided by the **City of Plant City.** Free for Plant City residential utility customers.

High water consumption on your utility bill? It could be your irrigation system. Check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads. Ensure timer settings are for the correct watering day and times. For information on calibrating your irrigation system or garden hose and hose-end sprinkler, please click on this link...[**How To Calibrate Your Sprinkler System**](#)

CUSTOMER INFORMATION PACKETS

IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS & EDUCATION. Offered by the **University of Florida, IFAS Extension, Hillsborough County, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program, 813-744-5519.**

Free on-site irrigation evaluation site reports and presentations for Community Associations, Property Managers and landscape maintenance professionals.