



Utilities Department
Water Resource Management Division | Water Conservation Section
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Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions & Water Use Information

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) voted Tuesday, July 25, 2017, to let Modified Phase III water shortage order restrictions expire for our area.

CITY OF PLANT CITY

City of Plant City (Plant City) watering 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

TWO-DAY-PER-WEEK OUTDOOR IRRIGATION BEGINS AUGUST 2
PLANT CITY WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Unincorporated Hillsborough County

Watering restrictions are separate and different from the City of Plant City. Hillsborough County has an ordinance with a special twice-per-week watering schedule. More information: hillsboroughcounty.org (Find My Watering Days) or 813-275-7094 (recorded message).

WATERING DAYS & TIMES
BEFORE 10 AM or AFTER 4 PM

Outdoor irrigation restrictions apply to all users of water within the corporate limits of the City and all water sources.

Public water systems (Plant City utility customers), private water systems, wells (to include private property irrigation wells), surface waters, in-ground automatic and manual operation irrigation systems, and portable, hose-end sprinklers.



ADDRESS | PROPERTY DAYS

EVEN NUMBERED THURSDAY AND/OR SUNDAY

ODD NUMBERED WEDNESDAY AND OR SATURDAY

PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATIONS: NO DISCERNABLE ADDRESS. SUCH AS RIGHTS-OF-WAY (MEDIANS) AND COMMON AREAS INSIDE A SUBDIVISION
TUESDAY AND/OR FRIDAY

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

WATERING VIOLATIONS

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

NEW LAWN & LANDSCAPE. 30-30 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 new plant material is installed. ***Watering may occur ONCE on any day...at any time.***

Except as noted above. **New plant material watering is prohibited between 10 AM and 4 PM.**

<i>DAYS</i>	<i>ADDRESS / PROPERTY</i>
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

Plants (other than lawns) can be watered on any day at any time.



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 can reduce water usage with a garden hose by an ***estimated 60%***

PRESSURE WASHING | VEHICLE WASHING | FOUNTAINS

There are no specific restrictions for these water uses. Please be as efficient as possible.

COMMERCIAL | INDUSTRIAL | 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.

WATER USE FACT SHEETS & MORE INFORMATION

Grass Seed | Low-Volume Irrigation Technology | Miscellaneous Water Uses | New Plants



Plant City Water Conservation

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

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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 Florida-Friendly, drought tolerant and native plants in landscaping on City properties.

Programs | Offerings | Resources

GARDEN HOSE & INDOOR WATER SAVING KITS

Automatic shutoff nozzle, garden hose timer, toilet flappers, 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(s) and times.

INFORMATION PACKETS. Florida-Friendly landscaping information, water saving tips and more.

COMMUNITY SPEAKING. Civic Clubs, Churches & Schools, Public Events

University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences | IFAS Extension
Hillsborough County | [Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program](#)

LAWN & GARDEN

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

IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS & EDUCATION

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

5339 County Road 579 | Seffner, Florida 33584
813-744-5519 | hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu

Southwest Florida Water Management District

More ways to save water at home, work and school | [District's Water Conservation Web Page](#)

Tampa Service Office | 7601 U.S. Highway 301 | Tampa, Florida 33637
813-985-7481 | 800-836-0797 (Florida Only)



Saving Water 101

Basic Ways We Can All Save Water



CHECK FOR LEAKS

Toilets | Faucets | Showerheads

TURN OFF all faucets and water-using appliances and **WRITE DOWN** the water meter reading. Wait 30 minutes.

If there is a different reading or if the **WATER FLOW INDICATOR** is moving... You may have a leak...



INSTALL low-flow showerheads. Some use less than **3 gallons** of water a minute

A leaking **TOILET** can waste up to **200 gallons** of water a day. Add 4 or 5 drops of food coloring into the tank and wait 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl, there is probably a leak. A new **FLAPPER** will take care of some toilet leaks.

Some **LOW-FLOW FAUCET AERATORS** use less than **2 gallons** of water a minute.

CHECK FOR LEAKS

Irrigation Systems | Garden Hoses | Swimming Pools

ONLY WATER your lawn and landscape on allowable day(s) during allowable hours.

USE an automatic shutoff nozzle and manual timer on your garden hose. **REPLACE** the washer.



GARDEN HOSE, PORTABLE HOSE-END SPRINKLER AND GARDEN HOSE TIMER

This irrigation method may be an alternative for small lawns.

Attach the timer to one end of the hose and your sprinkler to the other end.

Attach the timer to the faucet. Set the timer to water $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " of an inch of water.

How do I set the timer correctly?

For a step-by-step "how to" on calibrating your portable hose-end sprinkler or your entire irrigation system, please view the link information below.

[How To Calibrate Your Irrigation System or Portable Hose-End Sprinkler](#)

The timer will stop the flow of water when the pre-set amount of time has expired.

Remember, turn off the water at the faucet after watering.