# **LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Residents and Businesses — Effective: 4/18/08

Broward, Collier, Miami-Dade, Monroe, St. Lucie and in coastal areas of Lee, Martin and Palm Beach counties, except Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres well users and the town of Highland Beach

# **Landscape Irrigation**

Restrictions apply to all traditional 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, 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 31 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 water is allowed from 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. any day except Friday for efficient water use.

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

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged.

#### **Variances**

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/conserve** or call our **Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876** to request more information.



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10 a.m. to 4 p.m

# SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

# **COMMERCIAL WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS**

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**Effective: 4/18/08** 



South Florida Water Management District permitted water users – large water users such as golf courses, nurseries, agriculture and recreation areas – are required to achieve a 30% reduction in their overall water consumption. Permit holders report usage weekly to the South Florida Water Management District.

#### **Golf Courses**

Golf courses must reduce their allocated water use by 30%. They are not restricted to watering at certain days or times. Where possible, golf courses should limit watering to early mornings or evenings to reduce water loss through evaporation. Golf courses using 100% reuse or reclaimed water for irrigation are exempt from water restrictions. Permit holders must report their weekly water usage at **www.sfwmd.gov/conserve** 

#### **Agriculture**

Agricultural water users may not use overhead irrigation systems from **10 a.m.** to **2 p.m.** Stress reduction watering for field-grown citrus nursery stock is allowed daily for 10 minutes per irrigation zone from **11:30 a.m.** to **12 p.m.**, and from **1:30 p.m.** to **2 p.m.** Hand-watering and low-volume irrigation should be voluntarily reduced.

Water withdrawals from the C-23, C-24 and C-25 canals in Martin and St. Lucie counties will stop if those canals drop to 14 feet above sea level.

#### **Plant Nurseries**

Nursery owners may operate overhead irrigation systems seven days a week from **8 a.m.** to **8 p.m.** for inside plants, and from **6 p.m.** to **12 a.m.** AND/OR **3 a.m.** to **9 a.m.** for outside or shaded plants. Stress reduction watering for containerized stock is permitted from **10 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** for 10 minutes per irrigation zone. Hand-watering should be voluntarily reduced.

No irrigation is allowed on days with sufficient rainfall. Users shall install a rainfall cut-off switch or similar measuring device to determine when there has been enough rain to meet irrigation demands.

## Tennis Courts, Sports Turf, Equestrian Riding Rings and Other Athletic Facilities

Sports turf can be watered for a maximum of 20 minutes anytime between 11 p.m. on the preceding day to 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. For example: watering can occur between 11:30 p.m. and 11:50 p.m. on Monday night, or from 7 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Infields can be watered twice daily, once before **9 a.m.** and once after **4 p.m.** for up to 10 minutes.

Sprigged or seeded turf areas can be watered for 10 minutes per zone from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., for the first 60 days after planting.

Clay or Har-Tru tennis courts may be watered for up to 10 minutes daily once before 3 p.m. and once before midnight.

Equestrian riding rings may be watered three times per week for up to 20 minutes each day. Facilities must post signs indicating which days have been designated for irrigation.

No irrigation is permitted when adequate rainfall has occurred. Surrounding facilities and landscaping must be irrigated according to standard landscape irrigation water restrictions.

#### **Water Utility Line Flushing**

Utility water line disinfection and flushing may be done as needed for public health and safety purposes. The utility should divert the water to a pervious area and not allow it to flow into roadways or to collect on impervious surfaces. The utility is required to post a sign at any flushing location informing the public of the health and safety purpose and indicating that the action is in compliance with water-use restrictions.

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