

RESIDENTIAL WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS

Broward, Glades, Hendry, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties, except the Town of Highland Beach

Effective: 1/15/08 – Enforced by Local Government Agencies



Irrigation

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

Less than 5 acres:

Odd-number Addresses: Monday

Even-number Addresses: Thursday

Choose one 4-hour window –

either 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. OR 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. –

NOT during both time periods

5 acres and more:

Odd-number Addresses: Monday

Even-number Addresses: Thursday

Choose either – 12 a.m. to 8 a.m.

OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. –

NOT during both time periods

Multi-Use Family Units/Multi-Use Complexes

(Includes homeowners associations; a variance is not required)

Less than 5 acres:

For entities that irrigate both

odd and even addresses: Thursdays

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NOT during both time periods

5 acres and more:

For entities that irrigate both

odd and even addresses: Thursdays

12 a.m. to 8 a.m. AND 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

(To cycle through all irrigation zones)

No area may be irrigated more than one time per week.

New Plantings, Sod or Landscape

Less than 5 acres:

Any days except Friday:

2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (in place for less than 30 days)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday:

2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (in place for 31 to 60 days)

5 acres and more:

Any days except Friday:

12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (in place for less than 30 days)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday:

12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (in place for 31 to 60 days)

Hand Watering

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

Fertilizer and Pesticide Water-In and Irrigation System Repair

Not restricted, but voluntary conservation is recommended, and wasteful water use is prohibited. Attendant should be present.

Reclaimed Water

The use of 100% reclaimed water for irrigation is exempt from restrictions.

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

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged. When washing a car, park it over a non-paved surface to limit runoff and use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water. Use pressure washing equipment with a flow rate of 1,000 to 4,000 pounds per square inch (psi). Decorative fountains may run anytime if they re-circulate water and don't spray water out of the fountain basin. Indoor water use is not restricted, but 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/conserv or call our **Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876** to request more information.



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Enforced by the South Florida Water Management District



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 45% 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 45%. 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. Permit holders must report their weekly water usage at www.sfwmd.gov/conserv

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 6 p.m. for inside or shaded plants, and from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. for outside 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 and Other Athletic Facilities

To maintain safe playing field conditions, sports turf can be watered 20 minutes anytime between 11 p.m. on the preceding day to 7 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 6 a.m. to 6:20 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Clay or Har-Tru tennis courts may be watered daily at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. for up to 10 minutes.

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

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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