



Watering Restrictions

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“Landscape irrigation” means the outside watering of plants in a landscape such as shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground covers, plants, vines, gardens and other such flora that are situated in such diverse locations as residential areas, public, commercial and industrial establishments, and public medians and rights-of way. “Landscape irrigation” does not include agricultural crops, nursery plants, cemeteries, golf course greens, tees, fairways, primary roughs, and vegetation associated with intensive recreational areas, such as playgrounds, football, baseball and soccer fields.

“Residential landscape irrigation” means the irrigation of landscape associated with any housing unit having sanitary and kitchen facilities designed to accommodate one or more residents, including multiple housing units and mobile homes.

“Nonresidential landscape irrigation” means the irrigation of landscape not included with the definition of “residential landscape irrigation,” such as that associated with public, commercial and industrial property, including commercial or transient housing units, hotel and motel units, and public medians and rights-of-way.

The St. Johns River Water Management District’s watering restrictions are designed to ensure the efficient use of water for landscape irrigation. The restrictions allow enough water to maintain healthy landscapes year-round. The mandatory restrictions specify the time when watering may occur, the amount of water that may be applied, and the days when watering may occur for residential and nonresidential locations. These days depend on whether the address ends in an odd or even number, and on the time of year.

Summary of the restrictions

- Irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- During daylight saving time irrigation is limited to no more than two days per week on scheduled days.
 - ♦ Residential irrigation at odd numbered addresses or no addresses is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday.
 - ♦ Residential irrigation at even numbered addresses is allowed on Thursday and Sunday.
 - ♦ Nonresidential irrigation is allowed on Tuesday and Friday.
- During Eastern Standard Time irrigation is limited to no more than one day per week on scheduled days.
 - ♦ Residential irrigation at odd numbered addresses or no addresses is allowed on Saturday.
 - ♦ Residential irrigation at even numbered addresses is allowed on Sunday.
 - ♦ Nonresidential irrigation is allowed on Tuesday.
- Irrigation is limited to no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water per zone per irrigation day.
- Irrigation is limited to no more than one hour per irrigation zone per irrigation day.
- Irrigation is limited to only that amount necessary to meet landscape needs.
- When reclaimed water is available for irrigation use, the use of private irrigation wells is not authorized.
- Irrigation limitations apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump, or from a public or private utility.
- Irrigation limitations apply to all landscape irrigation not currently regulated by a consumptive use permit. Typically, this includes residential, commercial and industrial establishments.
- Persons irrigating with an automatic lawn irrigation system installed after May 1991 shall install, maintain and operate a rain sensor device or switch that overrides the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

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