

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATER RESTRICTIONS

Residents and Businesses – Effective: 4/18/08

Lake Okeechobee Service Area, which includes the Everglades Agricultural Area and portions of Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee and western Palm Beach and Martin counties



Irrigation

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

Less than 5 acres:

ODD-number address: Monday

EVEN-number or no address: 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 address: Monday

EVEN-number or no address: 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-Address Family and Commercial Complexes

Includes homeowners associations, office complexes, retail shopping centers and other such entities.

Does NOT include nurseries, golf courses or farms.

Less than 5 acres:

For entities that irrigate both

odd and even or no address: 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:

For entities that irrigate both

odd and even or no address: Thursday

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

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday:

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

5 acres and more:

Any days except Friday:

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

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday:

12 a.m. to 8 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, Insecticide, Fungicide and Herbicide Water-In

Not restricted, but voluntary conservation is recommended, and wasteful water use is prohibited.

Irrigation System Repair

Allowed for cleaning, testing, maintenance and repair should be limited to no more than once per week and run time should not exceed 10 minutes per zone. **An attendant should be on site** in the area being tested and/or repaired.

Reclaimed Water

Irrigation using 100% reclaimed water is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged.

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



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COMMERCIAL WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS

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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/conserve

Agriculture

Agricultural water users must reduce their allocated water use by 45%. Agricultural operations that use overhead irrigation can apply their weekly allocation as needed. Hand-watering, low-volume irrigation and livestock watering 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

Plant nurseries must reduce their allocated water use by 45%. Nurseries that use overhead irrigation can apply their weekly allocation as needed. Hand-watering and low-volume irrigation 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 **Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday**. 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.

Sprigged/seeded areas in place less than 60 days can be watered 10 minutes per zone from **11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

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.

Surrounding facilities and landscaping must be irrigated according to standard landscape irrigation 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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