

# District Water Restrictions

## Year-Round Water Conservation Measures

*Always refer to your city or county regulations first.*

### Effective Date and Areas

- The District's year-round water conservation measures are in effect.
- These measures currently apply to all of Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter counties; portions of Lake and Levy counties; the portion of Gasparilla Island in Lee County; and the cities of Temple Terrace, Plant City and North Port. See below for more information on areas where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments.
- Some local governments such as Hillborough County and the cities of Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Tampa have local ordinances with special twice-per-week schedules.
- Some local governments such as Hernando, Pasco and Sarasota counties and the cities of Brooksville, Dunedin, Longboat Key, Sarasota and Venice have local ordinances that remain on one-day-per-week schedules.
- Ocala and most of unincorporated Marion County follows the St. Johns River Water Management District's water restrictions; however, the City of Dunnellon and The Villages remain under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's water restrictions.

### Lawn Watering Days and Times

- Lawn watering is limited to twice per week.
- Lawn watering days and times are as follows unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect:
  - Even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
  - Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
  - Locations without a discernable address, such as rights-of-way and other common areas inside a subdivision, may water on Tuesday and/or Friday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and any time.

### New Lawns and Plants

- New lawns and plants have a "30-30" establishment period.
- On the day of installation, watering is allowed on any day at any time.
- During the first 30 days, watering is allowed on any day during the allowable hours.
- During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; and locations without a discernable address may water on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

## Reclaimed Water

- Reclaimed water remains subject to voluntary watering hours, unless restricted by the local government or utility.

## Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing

- There are no specific restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing.
- These and other water uses should be conducted as efficiently as possible, such as using a shutoff nozzle on each hose to adhere to the general restriction prohibiting wasteful water use.

## Report Watering Violations

Use this service to report a water use violation, or you may call us at 1-800-848-0499 (FL only) and leave a detailed message.

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## Contact Us

If you have additional water restriction questions, please contact us by sending an email to [Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org) (anytime) or by calling our **water restrictions hotline** at **1-800-848-0499** (FL only) or 1-800-836-0797 (FL only), ext. 2298 (during business hours).

## Mailing Address

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SWFWMD  
7601 U.S. Hwy. 301 North  
Tampa, FL 33637

A [petition for variance](#) from year-round water conservation measures or water shortage restrictions is available for qualified circumstances. To confirm that a variance is needed or for assistance when filling out an application form, check with our staff during normal business hours at 1-800-848-0499 (FL only) or email [Water.Variances@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Water.Variances@WaterMatters.org).

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*The District allows local governments to impose special watering schedules.*

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