PASCO COUNTY CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS

On November 16, 2010, the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board voted to declare a Phase 1 water shortage. Pasco County remains on the one-day-a-week lawn watering schedule by local ordinance. However, reclaimed water customers still remain on the twice a week schedule.

PURSUANT TO COUNTY POLICY

Irrigation Using Reclaimed Water

- Irrigation of established lawns and landscaping is authorized for two days per week

If your house number ends in:	Then you may water on:
0 or 1	Tuesday and Friday
2 or 3	Thursday and Sunday
4 or 5	Monday and Friday
6 or 7	Tuesday and Saturday
8 or 9	Wednesday and Sunday
Mixed or No address	Wednesday and Sunday

Morning Hours	Evening Hours
12:01 AM to 8:00 AM	6:00 PM to 11:59 PM

- Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

- PROPERTIES TWO ACRES OR GREATER IN SIZE AND using IRRIGATION SOURCES OF RECLAIMED WATER may irrigate during the hours of 12:01 AM to 10:00 AM or 4:00 PM to 11:59 PM on the authorized day

Residential Car Washing - Fountain Operation

- The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, campers, boats or any other type of motor vehicle or equipment using **reclaimed water** is prohibited by Chapter 62-610, Florida Statutes.
- The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, campers, boats or any other type of motor vehicle or equipment **using potable water** is permitted using a self-canceling nozzle or automatic shut-off device. The washing of non-business, personal vehicles shall be conducted no more than once per week.
- Outdoor aesthetic uses of water such as decorative fountains or features shall be prohibited unless such fountains or features provide a necessary aeration and/or water quality benefit. The operation of such fountains or features using reclaimed water is not restricted. However, a sign stating “Using Reclaimed Water” must be posted next to the fountain or feature.

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Southwest Florida Water Management District
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OTHER RESTRICTIONS **(APPLIES TO RECLAIMED WATER)**

New Plant Material
(Lawn & Landscaping)
 	
Establishment Period
Irrigation Exemption
 	
Proof of new lawn material may be faxed to
(727) 847-8972
	New plant materials may be watered for a 60-day total establishment period.
	• From day 1 to day 30, new plant material may be watered any day of the week.
	• From day 31 to day 60, new plant material may be watered 3 days per week.
	  • Even addresses only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
	  • Odd addresses only Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
	• Only during authorized hours.
	Isolated to new lawn or plant area only.
	• Exemption begins on the day of installation.
	• On the day of installation, new turf/grass or plant material may be irrigated once without regard to the allowable watering times.
	• An entire zone of an irrigation system may be used if the zone waters an area that contains at least 50% new plant material.
	• Partial zone or dispersed plantings shall be watered by some other, more targeted means of supplemental irrigation.

Trees, Shrubs, Flowers & Vegetables	Hand-watering is allowed as needed. A shut-off nozzle or other water efficient device must be used. Hand-watering may be accomplished using reclaimed water provided that the hose bib be located in a locked and buried box. Vegetables with a peelable skin should not be irrigated with reclaimed water.
Lawn Chemicals	Irrigation for the purpose of watering in insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides is restricted to designated days and times for that address, except for applications by a professional who is in the business of applying such products for remuneration, so long as a chemical advisory marker containing the day, month and year of application is posted on the landscape, and where such watering is required by the manufacturers or by federal, state, or local law; however, such watering shall be limited to 1/4 inch of water within 24-hours of chemical use and shall only be accomplished during the hours allowed above.
Spot Treatment	Lawns may be spot-treated without regard to the normally allowable watering days or times, but only by hand-watering or other targeted, manual means.
Low-Volume Irrigation	Landscape (groundcover other than lawn) may be irrigated on an as-needed basis without regard to the normally allowable watering days or times if Low-Volume Irrigation technology is used.
Irrigation System Testing & Repair	May be operated for cleaning and maintenance with an attendant on site in the area being tested – no more than once per week and one test should not exceed 10 minutes.
Vertical Mowing (Verticutting)	Extra watering of turf/grass may occur on any day of the week for a 14-day period after a vertical mowing procedure.
Water	The following wasteful and unnecessary water uses are prohibited: • Allowing water to flow from an unattended hose. • Hand-watering a lawn on a restricted day or more than once a day, except when used for spot treatment. • Hosing-down a driveway or solid surface when a dry method could be used. • Hosing-down a structure when a dry method could be used. • Allowing water to flow from a broken sprinkler head, outdoor faucet, malfunctioning plumbing or irrigation system after receiving verbal or written notice.