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This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in south Florida.

Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule Promotes Water Conservation in South Florida

The South Florida Water Management District is promoting water conservation for its many benefits in meeting the growing demands on South Florida's limited water supply. The District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program, including a Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures Rule, is designed to accomplish a measurable change in water use and develop a lasting water conservation ethic. Measures in the program were developed with input from water users across the region over a series of eight public workshops and several meetings of the District's Water Resources Advisory Commission work group.

Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures establish a two-day-a-week landscape watering schedule throughout the district, with a three-day-a-week provision for water users in some counties.

Emergency water shortage orders remain in place for Lake Worth and Hallandale, where lawn irrigation is allowed one day a week.

The rule applies when the source of water for irrigation is a utility, lake, pond, canal or well. The use of low-volume irrigation methods, including micro-irrigation, container watering and hand-watering with a hose and automatic shut-off nozzle, is allowed anytime. Irrigation using reclaimed water and harvested rainwater also is allowed at anytime.

2-Day-A-Week Watering

Charlotte, Highlands, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola and Polk Counties

The Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule limits lawn and landscape irrigation to two days per week.

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Wednesdays** and/or **Saturdays**, only **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address, **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** and/or **Sundays**, only **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.**
- Residents and business located in the City of Cape Coral and Broward, unincorporated Lee, and Miami-Dade Counties must comply with the two day/week restriction pursuant to local ordinance.

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3-Day-A-Week Watering Option

For Collier, Glades, Hendry, municipalities in Lee, Martin, Monroe, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties only.

A three-day-a-week watering provision to the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule is available to users who reside in counties located wholly within District boundaries. Users may irrigate two days as allowed above or may exercise the option and irrigate a third day.

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and/or **Saturdays**, only **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and/or **Sundays**, only **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.**

New Landscaping

Additional watering for up to 90 days is allowed following the installation of new lawns and landscaping.

- On the day new landscaping is installed, new plantings and the soil may be irrigated once without regard to the normally allowable watering days and times. Soil irrigation is also allowed immediately prior to planting.
- New plantings that have been in place for **30 days or less** may be watered on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays**, only **before 10 a.m.** and/or **after 4 p.m.**
- New plantings that have been in place from **31 to 90 days** may be watered on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays**, only **before 10 a.m.** and/or **after 4 p.m.**
- Irrigation is limited to the areas containing new landscaping only. An entire irrigation zone may be watered only if new landscaping is planted on at least 50 percent of that zone. If new landscaping is planted on less than 50 percent of an irrigation zone, only the new plantings may be watered.

More information about Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures is available online at: www.savewaterfl.com and www.sfwmd.gov/2days.

1-Day-A-Week Watering

Water utility customers in the service areas of Hallandale Beach and Lake Worth remain on once-weekly watering restrictions to help protect their coastal wells from saltwater intrusion.

Less than five irrigated acres:

- Residents and businesses with **odd-numbered** addresses can water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays** from **either 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with **even-numbered** addresses, those with no addresses, and those that irrigate both even and odd addresses in the same zone can water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** from **either 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Greater than or equal to 5 irrigated acres:

- Residents and businesses with **odd-numbered** addresses can water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays** from **either 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with **even-numbered** addresses and those with no addresses can water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** from **either 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses that irrigate both even and odd addresses in the same zone can water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** from **either 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**

No area may be irrigated more than once per week.

New Landscaping

In the utility service areas of Lake Worth and Hallandale, additional watering is allowed for up to 60 days following the installation of new landscaping.

For properties less than five acres:

- New landscaping that has been in place for **less than 30 days** can be irrigated **from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.**
- New landscaping that has been in place for **31 days to 60 days** can be irrigated from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**

For properties five acres or more:

- New landscaping that has been in place for **less than 30 days** can be irrigated **from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays.**
- New landscaping that has been in place for **31 to 60 days** can be irrigated **from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**

More information about watering restrictions is available online at:

www.sfwmd.gov/watershortage.