

**Pinellas County Utilities
CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS**



On December 15, 2009 the Southwest Florida Water Management District voted to return to the modified Phase II Severe Water Shortage. One-day-per-week lawn watering has been in effect since January 16, 2007.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ORDER SWF 07-02
FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 40D-21
PINELLAS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 82**

Irrigation Using County Water or Irrigation Using Wells/Lakes/Ponds

- Irrigation of established lawns and landscaping is authorized for one day per week

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

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

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM
- PROPERTIES TWO ACRES OR GREATER in size and USING IRRIGATION SOURCES OF WELLS/LAKES/PONDS 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

- Restricted to only one washing per week

If your house number ends in:	Then you may wash your vehicle on:
EVEN number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	Tuesday or Saturday
ODD number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	Wednesday or Sunday

- Low volume methods only, such as a hand-held hose equipped with a trigger (self-canceling) nozzle

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Southwest Florida Water Management District
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OTHER RESTRICTIONS (APPLIES TO ALL WATER SOURCES)

Florida Administrative Code 40D-21

<p>New Plant Material (Lawn & Landscaping)</p> <p>Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption</p> <p>Proof of new lawn material may be faxed to (727) 464-3717</p>	<p>New plant materials may be watered for a <u>60-day total establishment period.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even addresses only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Odd addresses only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday Only during authorized hours. Isolated to new lawn or plant area only. Exemption begins on the day of installation. <u>On the day of installation</u>, new turfgrass 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.
<p>Pressure Washing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for painting or maintenance Annual pressure washing as part of a planned maintenance program
<p>Car Wash Fundraisers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraisers held on behalf of non-profit organizations are allowable Participants must use water in an efficient manner Low volume methods only, such as a hand-held hose equipped with a trigger (self-canceling) nozzle
<p>Rinsing Boats & Flushing Boat Engines</p>	<p>Allowed after each use as necessary to remove salt water or to prevent the transportation of exotic plant or animal material</p>
<p>Trees, Shrubs, Flowers & Vegetables</p>	<p>Hand-watering is allowed as needed. A shut-off nozzle or other water efficient device must be used.</p>
<p>Lawn Chemicals</p>	<p>Irrigation to water-in necessary lawn chemicals is not restricted when required by the manufacturer or when required by law. Chemical applications shall be watered during authorized watering hours and on regularly designated irrigation days when possible.</p>
<p>Spot Treatment</p>	<p>Lawns may be <u>spot treated</u> without regard to the normally allowable watering days or times, but only by hand watering or other targeted, manual means.</p>
<p>Low-Volume Irrigation Devices</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Irrigation System Testing & Repair</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Fountains, Waterfalls, and other Artistic Water Features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be operated as necessary when it also provides a necessary water quality benefit Most other outdoor aesthetic uses shall be limited to eight hours a day – the user shall post the normal hours of operation for the aesthetic use
<p>Vertical Mowing (Verticutting)</p>	<p>Extra watering of turfgrass may occur on any day of the week for a 14-day period after a vertical mowing procedure.</p>
<p>Wasteful & Unnecessary Use of Water</p>	<p>The following wasteful and unnecessary water uses are prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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