New Plant Material (Lawn & Landscaping)

**New Plant Material Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption**

Proof of new lawn material must be faxed to (727) 464-3717

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 on 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 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 only 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.

**Washing Windows, Buildings & Mobile Homes**

Not specifically prohibited. Low-volume methods should be used. Hosing-down a building or other structure to remove material that can be removed with a dry method is considered wasteful and unnecessary.

**Washing Sidewalks & Driveways**

Not specifically prohibited. Low-volume methods should be used. Hosing-down a driveway or other surface to remove grass clippings or debris that can be removed with a broom or dry method is considered wasteful and unnecessary.

**Washing Vehicles**

May be washed on any day, at any time, when necessary. A shut-off nozzle or other water-efficient device must be used.

**Trees, Shrubs, Flowers & Vegetables**

Hand-watering is allowed as needed. A shut-off nozzle or other water-efficient device must be used.

**Lawn Chemicals**

Chemical applications shall be watered during authorized watering hours. Watering-in shall be limited to one application of one-quarter inches within 24 hours of the application or per manufacturer’s instructions. A sign with the date of application must be on site when applied by a professional.

**Hand-watering Lawns**

Lawns may be spot treated by hand-watering isolated areas to provide uniform moisture content. This practice is a water-conserving means of compensating for difference in sun exposure, sprinkler coverage, and other site-specific factors.

**Low-Volume Irrigation Devices**

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 maintenance and repair with an attendant on site in the area being tested – no more than once per week and one test should not exceed 10 minutes.

**Wasteful & Unnecessary Use of 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.
- Irrigating during or after rainfall. Irrigation systems are required to have a properly installed and operating rain sensor or soil moisture sensing device to bypass irrigation cycles when sufficient soil moisture exists.

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