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For New Lawn and Landscape!

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What You Need to Know About the Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption

Spring is here and many of you have started turning your thoughts to new lawn and landscaping ideas. We can help! New turfgrass and new plant materials may be watered for a **60-day establishment period**, then follow our "Healthy Lawn" prescription to maintain it. To apply for your exemption, please fax proof of new lawn and/or plant material to **(727) 464-3717**.

- ▶▶▶ Water only during authorized hours.
- ▶▶▶ Establishment period is 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 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.

Does Your Lawn Have a Drinking Problem?



Sometimes, sprinklers and rain happen at the same time. Before you know it...your lawn has a drinking problem! It's true. A lawn can get too much water. It can become a "wateraholic" because of a shallow, thirsty root system. Fortunately, there is help. Simply follow our "healthy lawn" prescription by irrigating responsibly, establishing a deep, drought-tolerant root system, using fertilizer properly, and planting the right plant in the right place.



For up-to-date information about the irrigation exemption or our Healthy Lawn program, call **727-464-4000** or visit us at www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

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