

# WATERING RESTRICTIONS



The St. Johns River Water Management District’s watering restrictions promote efficient water use for landscaping while allowing enough to maintain healthy landscapes year-round. The mandatory rules regulate watering days, times, and duration based on property type and address.

## RESIDENTIAL & NONRESIDENTIAL WATERING SCHEDULE

Time of Year	Homes with Odd-Numbered or No Address	Homes with Even-Numbered Address	Nonresidential Properties
<b>Daylight Saving Time</b> (Second Sunday in March– First Sunday in November)	Wednesday & Saturday	Thursday & Sunday	Tuesday & Friday
<b>Eastern Standard Time</b> (First Sunday in November– Second Sunday in March)	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

**WATER ONLY WHEN NECESSARY AND NEVER BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M.**

- An odd numbered address is one that ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.
- An even numbered address is one that ends in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.
- Limit watering to no more than one hour per zone.

# COMMON QUESTIONS

## Why is irrigation limited?

- Public water supply is the largest category of water use in the District's 18-county region—about 626 million gallons per day.
- Landscape irrigation accounts for over 50% of residential water use.
- Freshwater is a finite resource; conservation helps delay costly alternative water supply projects.



## Just because you can water, doesn't mean you should!

- Always check the weather before watering.
- Use rainwater first and supplement as needed.
- Look for signs that grass needs water before turning on irrigation, including:
  - Grass blades are folded in half lengthwise on at least one-third of your yard.
  - Grass blades appear blue-gray.
  - Grass blades do not spring back, leaving footprints on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

## Is anything exempt from restrictions?

- Restrictions apply to all water sources, including private wells, pumps, and public/private utilities.
- Watering is permitted for newly planted grass or during application of fertilizers/pesticides
- Gardens are considered agricultural crops and may be watered before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. but are not restricted by day.
- Hand-held hoses, micro-spray, micro-jet, drip, or bubbler systems can be used anytime.
- The District does not have any restrictions on reclaimed water, but local governments may have additional restrictions.
- Additional exceptions may apply. Scan the QR code to learn more.

## How are watering restrictions enforced?

- Many local governments have ordinances enforcing the District's rule.
- Access a list of local governments who have adopted water restrictions by scanning the QR code.
- For additional information about water restrictions, call 800-232-0904.



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