

**Pinellas County Utilities  
CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS**



The Southwest Florida Water Management District declared a Phase III Water Shortage effective June 5, 2017 for the Tampa Bay Area affecting Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties.  
Visit [pinellascounty.org/utilities/water-restrict.htm](http://pinellascounty.org/utilities/water-restrict.htm) for additional information.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ORDER SWF 2017-014  
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

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM, regardless of property size
- Properties less than one acre in size or with fewer than 11 irrigation zones shall use only one of the two available watering times

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

**Vehicle Washing**

- Car washing is limited to once per week on the designated watering day for the location
- Fundraising car washes cannot be scheduled after the effective date of these restrictions
- Commercial car washes, including mobile detailing businesses, may still operate on any day

**Fountains**

- Fountains and other aesthetic water features may only operate eight hours per day. The regular hours of operation can be selected by the owner, but must be posted. There are some exemptions such as water features that also provide aerification to koi ponds.

**Landscape Watering Schedule and Times**

- Handwatering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day, if needed

**Pressure Washing**

- Pressure washing is allowed once a year for necessary purposes such as prior to painting or sealing, to maintain a paint or material warranty, to address a health or safety hazard, or to comply with health laws (See "Other" on back regarding HOA requirement suspension)

## **New Lawns & Plants - Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption**

### **Proof of new plant material may be faxed to (727) 464-3717**

- New lawns and plants have 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 lawns and plants 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
- The property owner or manager shall, upon request, provide proof of installation date

## **Chemical Applications**

- Irrigation to water-in necessary lawn chemicals is not restricted when required by the manufacturer or when required by law
- Watering-in shall be limited to one application of one-quarter inches during authorized watering hours within 24 hours of the application and a sign with the date of application must be visible on the property

## **Irrigation System Testing & Repair**

- May be operated for testing and repair purposes
- Testing may be done as often as once a week
- The run-time for any one test may not exceed 10 minutes
- An attendant must be on-site in the area being tested

## **Wasteful & Unnecessary Use of Water Is Prohibited**

- Allowing water to flow from an unattended hose
- Hand-watering a lawn on a restricted day or more than once a day
- Hosing-down a driveway or solid surface or 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

## **Other**

- Homeowners associations and other entities must suspend any requirement to replace lawns, pressure wash, or engage in other activity which increases water use during this water shortage declaration
- Sprinkler-like devices used on a lawn for recreational purposes shall be limited to the lawn and landscape restrictions

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