

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 AND NONRESIDENTIAL WATERING SCHEDULE

Time of year	Odd numbered or no addresses	Even numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Daylight Saving Time (Second Sunday in March– First Sunday in November)	Wednesday and Saturday	Thursday and Sunday	Tuesday and Friday
Eastern Standard Time (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!

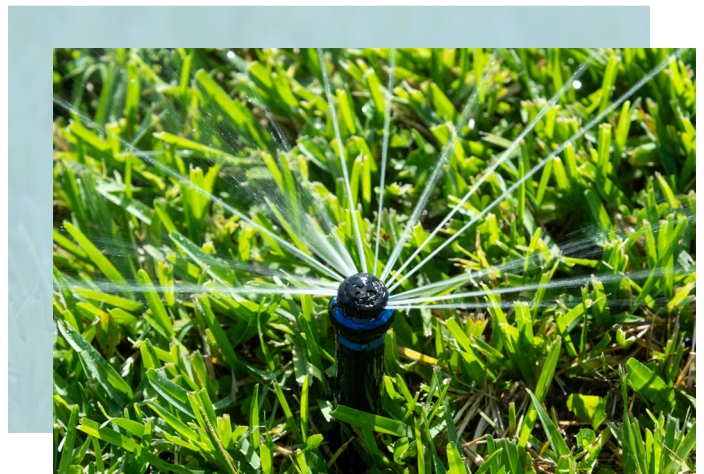
- Always check the weather before watering.
- Use rainwater first and supplement as needed.
- Look for signs that grass needs water before turning on irrigation, including:
 - Grass blades are folded in half lengthwise on at least one-third of your yard.
 - Grass blades appear blue-gray.
 - Grass blades 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.
- 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.



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