

**Pinellas County Utilities  
CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS**



On August 25, 2009 the Southwest Florida Water Management District voted to return to the modified Phase III Extreme Water Shortage. One-day-per-week lawn watering has been in effect since January 2007.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ORDER SWF 08-044  
FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 40D-21  
PINELLAS COUNTY CODE 82-1**

**Irrigation Using County Water or Irrigation Using Wells/Lakes/Ponds**

- Irrigation of established lawns and landscaping is authorized for one day per week

<b>If your house number ends in:</b>	<b>Then you may water on:</b>
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 limited to one application per week.

<b>Morning Hours</b>
12:01 AM to 8:00 AM

OR

<b>Evening Hours</b>
6:00 PM to 11:59 PM

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM
- PROPERTIES TWO ACRES OR GREATER in size may irrigate during the hours of 12:01 AM to 10:00 AM or 4:00 PM to 11:59 PM on the authorized day

**Residential Car Washing**

- Restricted to only one washing per week

<b>If your house number ends in:</b>	<b>Then you may wash your vehicle on:</b>
EVEN number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	Tuesday or Saturday
ODD number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	Wednesday or Sunday

- Low volume methods only, such as a hand-held hose equipped with a trigger (self-canceling) nozzle

**Pinellas County Utilities (727) 464-4000**  
Website: [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities)  
Fax (727) 464-3717

**Southwest Florida Water Management District**  
1-800-836-0797 OR 1-800-848-0499  
Website: [www.swfwmd.state.fl.us](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us)

<p><b>New Lawns (Sod, Plugs &amp; Other Turfgrass Material)</b></p> <p><b>Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption</b></p> <p><b>Proof of new lawn material may be faxed to (727) 464-3717</b></p>	<p><b>New turfgrass may be watered for a <u>30-day total</u> establishment period.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ From day 1 to day 15, new or replacement turfgrass may be watered every day of the week.</li> <li>✓ From day 16 to day 30, new or replacement turfgrass may be watered 3 days per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even addresses only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday</li> <li>• Odd addresses only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Only during authorized hours.</li> <li>• Isolated to new lawn area only.</li> <li>• Exemption begins on the day of installation.</li> <li>• <u>On the day of installation</u>, new turfgrass may be irrigated once without regard to the allowable watering times.</li> <li>• An entire zone of an irrigation system may be used if the zone waters an area that contains at least 50% new turfgrass material.</li> <li>• Partial zone or dispersed plantings shall be watered by some other, more targeted means of supplemental irrigation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Landscaping (Plants &amp; Shrubs)</b></p> <p><b>Establishment Period Irrigation Exemption</b></p> <p><b>Proof of new plant material may be faxed to (727) 464-3717</b></p>	<p><b>New plant materials may be watered for a <u>60-day total</u> establishment period.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ From day 1 to day 30, new landscape may be watered every day of the week.</li> <li>✓ From day 31 to day 60, new landscape may be watered 3 days per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even addresses only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday</li> <li>• Odd addresses only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Only during authorized hours.</li> <li>• Isolated to new plant area only.</li> <li>• Exemption begins on the day of installation.</li> <li>• <u>On the day of installation</u>, new plant material may be irrigated once without regard to the allowable watering times.</li> <li>• An entire zone of an irrigation system may be used if the zone waters an area that contains at least 50% new plant material.</li> <li>• Partial zone or dispersed plantings shall be watered by some other, more targeted means of supplemental irrigation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pressure Washing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for painting or maintenance</li> <li>• Annual pressure washing as part of a planned maintenance program to maintain a warranty or prevent a “slip and fall” hazard</li> </ul>
<p><b>Trees, Shrubs, Flowers &amp; Vegetables</b></p>	<p>Hand-watering is allowed with a shut-off nozzle or other water efficient device. Restricted to before 8 AM or after 6 PM.</p>
<p><b>Lawn Chemicals</b></p>	<p>Irrigation to water-in necessary lawn chemicals is not restricted when required by the manufacturer or when required by law. Chemical applications shall be watered during authorized watering hours and on regularly designated irrigation days when possible.</p>
<p><b>Low-Volume Irrigation Devices</b></p>	<p>Landscape (groundcover other than lawn) may be irrigated on an as-needed basis without regard to the normally allowable watering days if Low-Volume Irrigation technology is used. Restricted to before 8 AM or after 6 PM.</p>
<p><b>Irrigation System Testing &amp; Repair</b></p>	<p>May be operated for cleaning and maintenance with an attendant on site - no more than once per week and one test should not exceed 10 minutes.</p>
<p><b>Fountains, Waterfalls &amp; Artistic Water Features</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be operated as necessary when it also provides a necessary water quality benefit</li> <li>• Other outdoor aesthetic uses shall be limited to four hours a day – the user shall post the normal hours of operation for the aesthetic use</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vertical Mowing (Verticutting)</b></p>	<p>May only receive two extra waterings: immediately upon removal of the thatch and then one week later to water-in a complete fertilizer.</p>
<p><b>Overseeding</b></p>	<p>No special or extra watering is allowed for overseeding an existing lawn.</p>
<p><b>Wasteful &amp; Unnecessary Use of Water</b></p>	<p>The following wasteful and unnecessary water uses are prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing water to flow from an unattended hose</li> <li>• Hand-watering a lawn on a restricted day or more than once a day, except when used for spot treatment</li> <li>• Hosing-down a driveway or solid surface when a dry method could be used or hosing-down a structure when a dry method could be used</li> <li>• Allowing water to flow from a broken sprinkler head, outdoor faucet, malfunctioning plumbing or irrigation system after receiving verbal or written notice</li> </ul>