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## *just the* **FACTs**

This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in south Florida.

## **Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule Promotes Water Conservation in South Florida**

*The South Florida Water Management District is promoting water conservation for its many benefits in meeting the growing demands on South Florida's limited water supply. The District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program, including a Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures Rule, is designed to accomplish a measurable change in water use and develop a lasting water conservation ethic. Measures in the program were developed with input from water users across the region over a series of eight public workshops and several meetings of the District's Water Resources Advisory Commission work group.*

*Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures establish a two-day-a-week landscape watering schedule throughout the district, with a three-day-a-week provision for water users in some counties.*

*Emergency water shortage orders allowing lawn irrigation one day a week remain in place for the cities of Lake Worth and Hallandale Beach (see page 3) and for Charlotte, Highlands and Polk counties (see Frequently Asked Questions at [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days)).*

*The rule applies when the source of water for irrigation is a utility, lake, pond, canal or well. The use of low-volume irrigation methods, including micro-irrigation, container watering and hand-watering with a hose and automatic shut-off nozzle, is allowed anytime. Irrigation using reclaimed water and harvested rainwater also is allowed at anytime.*

*Residents should check with their city and county governments to determine if any local ordinances for water restrictions are in place.*

### **2-Day-A-Week Watering**

**In Okeechobee and Osceola counties**, the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule limits lawn and landscape irrigation to two days per week.

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, only before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address, **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays and/or Sundays, only before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**

**In Broward, Charlotte, Highlands, unincorporated Lee, Miami-Dade, Orange and Polk counties, and in the City of Cape Coral**, local ordinances are in place. For details, see Frequently Asked Questions at [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days).

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### **3-Day-A-Week Watering Option**

**For Glades, Hendry, Martin, Monroe, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties, and municipalities in Lee County, except in the City of Cape Coral.**

A three-day-a-week watering provision to the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule is available to users who reside in counties located wholly within District boundaries. Users may irrigate two days as allowed above or may exercise the option and irrigate a third day.

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, only before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Sundays, only before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**

In **Collier County**, a local ordinance is in place. For details, see Frequently Asked Questions at [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days).

### **New Landscaping**

Additional watering for up to 90 days is allowed following the installation of new lawns and landscaping.

- On the day new landscaping is installed, new plantings and the soil may be irrigated once without regard to the normally allowable watering days and times. Soil irrigation is also allowed immediately prior to planting.
- New plantings that have been in place for **30 days or less** may be watered on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays, only before 10 a.m. and/or after 4 p.m.**
- New plantings that have been in place **from 31 to 90 days** may be watered on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays, only before 10 a.m. and/or after 4 p.m.**
- Irrigation is limited to the areas containing new landscaping only. An entire irrigation zone may be watered only if new landscaping is planted on at least 50 percent of that zone. If new landscaping is planted on less than 50 percent of an irrigation zone, only the new plantings may be watered.

More information about Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures is available online at: [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days).

**Water Shortage Orders currently supersede the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures in the following areas:**

**Water utility customers in the service areas of Hallandale Beach and Lake Worth remain on one-day-a-week watering restrictions to help protect coastal wells from saltwater intrusion.**

**Less than five irrigated acres:**

- Residents and businesses with **odd-numbered** addresses can water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays** from **either 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. OR 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with **even-numbered** addresses, those with no addresses, and those that irrigate both even and odd addresses in the same zone can water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** from **either 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. OR 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Greater than or equal to 5 irrigated acres:**

- Residents and businesses with **odd-numbered** addresses can water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays** from **either 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with **even-numbered** addresses and those with no addresses can water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** from **either 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses that irrigate both even and odd addresses in the same zone can water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** from **either 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**

**No area may be irrigated more than once per week.**

**New Landscaping**

- **In the utility service areas of Lake Worth and Hallandale**, additional watering is allowed for up to 60 days following the installation of new landscaping.
- **For properties less than five acres:**
  - New landscaping that has been in place for **less than 30 days** can be irrigated from **2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.**
  - New landscaping that has been in place for **31 to 60 days** can be irrigated from **2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**
- **For properties five acres or more:**
  - New landscaping that has been in place for **less than 30 days** can be irrigated from **12 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays.**
  - New landscaping that has been in place for **31 to 60 days** can be irrigated from **12 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**