

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Phase III Water Shortage for Tampa Bay Area

Always refer to your city or county regulations first.

The District allows local governments to impose special watering schedules.

Effective Dates and Affected Areas

- The restrictions are scheduled to begin on **March 13, 2013** and expire on **July 31, 2013**.
- The restrictions affect Hillsborough, **Pasco** and Pinellas counties.
- The [City of Clearwater](#) and [St. Pete](#) have local ordinances that allow one-day-per-week restrictions on a special schedule.

Lawn Watering Schedule and Times

- Lawn watering is limited to a once-per-week schedule. The following schedule applies unless your city or county has a District-approved different schedule or more stringent restrictions.

Addresses with "house numbers" ...	May only irrigate on ...
Ending in 0 or 1	Monday
Ending in 2 or 3	Tuesday
Ending in 4 or 5	Wednesday
Ending in 6 or 7	Thursday
Ending in 8 or 9	Friday
Rights-of-way, common areas and other "no address" locations)	Friday

- Allowable watering hours are before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Landscape Watering

- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of flower beds, shrubs and other plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day, if needed, but is limited to allowable watering hours.

New Lawns & Plants

- New lawns and plants have a 60-day establishment period. On days 1-30, they may be watered any day of the week. During days 31-60, they may be watered three days a week. Even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Odd-numbered addresses may be watered on Monday, Wednesday

and Saturday. Rights-of-way and other “no address” locations may be watered on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

- Except on the day of installation or when sprigs are being grown, establishment watering must be done during allowable watering hours.
- Be able to supply proof of installation date upon request.

Fountains

- Fountains and other aesthetic water features may only operate four hours per day. The regular hours of operation can be selected by the owner, but must be posted.

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.
- Fire engines and other emergency vehicles may still be washed on any day as needed.
- Boats can be rinsed and boat engines can be flushed after each use.

Other Water Uses

- Restaurants shall only serve water upon request.
- Other than athletic play areas, including golf, football, baseball and other athletic fields, all lawn and landscape areas must comply with the once-per-week restrictions.

Deed Restrictions & Community Standards Enforcement

- Homeowners associations and other entities must suspend any requirement to replace lawns, pressure wash or engage in other activity that increases water use during this water shortage declaration.

Water Utilities and Other Local Enforcement Agencies

- Use automatic meter reading or weekly night patrols to monitor compliance where restriction violations or high-use single family residential accounts are concentrated.
- **Issue citations without needing to have first issued a warning.**

Reclaimed Water

- The District is not restricting use of reclaimed water at this time. Please refer to your local utility for specific restrictions.

This is just a summary; please refer to the [Phase III Water Shortage Order](#) for complete information.

If you have any questions about how these restrictions apply to your situation, please call 1-800-848-0499 during normal business hours or send an inquiry to Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org any time.