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

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Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures*

In effect since March 2010, the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures Rule (Chapter 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code) limits landscape watering to two days a week throughout the South Florida Water Management District, with a three-day-a-week provision for some counties. It applies in all cases when the source of water for irrigation is a utility, lake, pond, canal or well. (See limited exclusions on next page.) The mandatory year-round rule is a component of the SFWMD's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program, which encourages more responsible use of water resources.

***IMPORTANT: Some city and county governments have adopted local landscape irrigation ordinances that differ from the District rule based on local water demands, system limitations or resource availability. Several counties and cities have exercised this option so residents should always check for local ordinances. To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days and click on the county links.**

2-Day-A-Week Watering

- Under the District rule, 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.**
- Under the District rule, 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.**

3-Day-A-Week Watering Option

- Under the District rule, 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.**
- Under the District rule, 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.**

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New Landscaping Irrigation

The SFWMD Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule allows additional watering for up to 90 days following the installation of new lawns and landscaping.

Under the District rule:

- 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.

Exclusions to the SFWMD Year-Round Rule

- The use of low-volume irrigation methods – including micro-irrigation, container watering and hand-watering with a hose (with an automatic shut-off nozzle) – is allowed anytime.
- The use of reclaimed water and harvested rainwater for irrigation purposes is allowed anytime.
- The rule applies only to water used for landscape irrigation. There are no restrictions on other outdoor uses such as pressure cleaning or vehicle/boat washing, although voluntary, water-conserving practices are highly recommended.

Alternative Irrigation Schedule

If unique circumstances prohibit adherence to the mandatory SFWMD landscape irrigation conservation measures, individuals and businesses/organizations may seek an alternative schedule that still meets the intent of the rule. Guidance is available online or by contacting Patrick Martin at 561-682-2176 to learn more about the alternative irrigation schedule request and approval process.

Questions?

For more information on the rule, including watering days and times by county:

- Visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days
- Call the South Florida Water Management District "Water Conservation Hotline" at 1-800-662-8876
- Email a water conservation expert at conservation@sfwmd.gov

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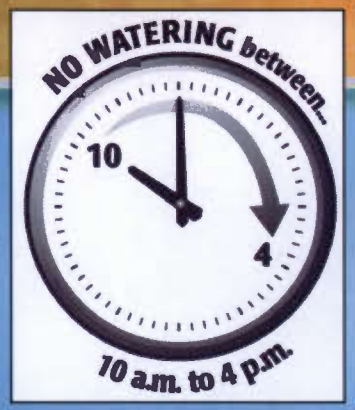
SFWMD 3-Day-A-Week Watering



WATERING DAYS AND TIMES

IF YOUR HOME ADDRESS ENDS IN...		1, 3, 5, 7, 9		0, 2, 4, 6, 8	
Monday	Before 10 am	✓			
	After 4 pm		✓		
Tuesday	Before 10 am			✓	
	After 4 pm				✓
Wednesday	Before 10 am	✓			
	After 4 pm		✓		
Thursday	Before 10 am			✓	
	After 4 pm				✓
Saturday	Before 10 am	✓			
	After 4 pm		✓		
Sunday	Before 10 am			✓	
	After 4 pm				✓

For more information, please read Just the Facts: Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule.