



Water Shortage Frequently Asked Questions

Compiled by the City of Plantation Utilities Department

- ◆ Water use restrictions were expanded by a vote of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board on April 12, 2007, **effective April 13, 2007**. We must now observe **Phase 2 Restrictions**, which are intended to obtain a 30 percent reduction of water use.
- ◆ Residents are asked to observe more aggressive water conservation practices within the home – such as taking shorter showers, washing full loads in dishwashers and clothes washers, and repairing old or leaky fixtures.
- ◆ Residents with home addresses ending in an **ODD number** will be allowed to water between the hours of **4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays**.
- ◆ Residents with home addresses ending in an **EVEN number, mixed number or with NO number** will be allowed to water between the hours of **4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays and Sundays**.
- ◆ **No outdoor irrigation will be allowed on Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays.**
- ◆ Residents and businesses must also **limit outdoor use** – car washing, driveway cleaning, etc. – limited to **4:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** on their regular landscaping days, **if using** either a hose with automatic shut-off and/or a low-volume pressure cleaner, and only **when done on or must drain to unpaved surfaces** so that the water goes back into the ground.
- ◆ Boats may be rinsed after saltwater use once a day for up to 15-minutes per boat.
- ◆ Filling or re-filling of a pool is allowed. When a pool is emptied, it must be emptied to a non-paved area, such as the lawn.
- ◆ Hand watering is allowed **only** if using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle and **only during** the same days and times as allowed by your address – with an additional time period from **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** on those same days.
- ◆ **New landscaping** (planted for less than 30 days) may be watered Monday through Friday from **2:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.** or watered by hand any time using only one hose with an automatic nozzle.
- ◆ **Sprinkler system maintenance** – cleaning, adjusting or repairing of the irrigation system is allowed for a **ten (10) minute period per zone per week.**
- ◆ **Low-volume pressure cleaning** is not allowed unless the run-off goes on to non-paved surfaces and the equipment **must be designed to reduce inflow volume as accepted by industry standards.**
- ◆ Restrictions apply to **all water used – no mater where it comes from:** City water, or pumped from a well, canal or any other surface water.
- ◆ **ANY exemption** [such as “Benefit” Car Washes] requires a variance from the South Florida Water Management District.

Do I still need to conserve when it’s raining? Yes!

Lawn irrigation accounts for nearly 50 percent of all drinking water used in South Florida. Water only when your lawn shows signs of wilt (stress) and only when it has not rained. Your lawn only needs from an inch to an inch and a half of water every 5-7 days.

For further *conservation* information, visit www.sfwmd.gov/conserve or call our **Water Conservation Hotline** at (800) 662-8876 to request more water conservation information.

Additionally, for more information about the South Florida Water Management District, visit www.sfwmd.gov or call (800) 432-2045.