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FGUA Urges Customers to Observe Severe Drought Irrigation Guidelines

(Holiday, New Port Richey, Wesley Chapel and Trinity, FL) The Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) officials urge all customers in its Aloha Gardens, Consolidated Systems and Seven Springs service areas to continue conserving water under severe water restriction guidelines.

A directive of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) on February 22 maintains Severe Phase II Water Restrictions in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas County. The Phase II Water Restrictions state:

- All customers in Pasco County must continue to be restricted to watering one day per week.
- The watering days remain the same as those previously established by SWFWMD. Properties under once acre using an in-ground irrigation system are permitted to water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- New lawns have a 30-day establishment period, permitting watering each day for 30 days, and then permitting watering every other day for the following 30 days.
- Pressure washing is permitted once per year or for necessary purposes, which includes cleaning prior to painting, sealing, maintaining a material warranty, for health and safety standards as well as for abiding by local, state, or federal health laws.
- Residential car washing is permitted once per week and aesthetic fountains and water features are permitted to operate eight hours a day.

The FGUA continues to urge its customers to follow the guidelines in order to protect the water supply. Customers should also check with local authorities to see if stricter local guidelines are in place. For more information, FGUA customers can visit the FGUA web site at www.fgua.com, or the SWFWMD web site at www.swfwmd.state.fl.us.

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