

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATER RESTRICTIONS**Residents and Businesses – Effective: 4/29/09***Lehigh Acres Sandstone and Surficial Aquifer Well Users in Unincorporated Lee County***All Property Sizes:**

Landscape irrigation for all property types and sizes is allowed two days a week on this schedule:

ODD-Number Address:**Wednesday AND/OR Saturday: 12 a.m. to 10 a.m.****EVEN-Number Address, no street address, systems that irrigate both odd and even addresses within the same zones, including multi-family units, homeowners associations and commercial complexes/retail shopping centers:****Thursday AND/OR Sunday: 12 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Most lawns need only 3/4 to 1 inch of water per week.

Watering is not allowed on any day between 10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.**New Plantings, Sod or Landscape****In place for less than 30 days:**From **12 a.m. to 10 a.m.** on any day except Friday.**In place from than 31 to 60 days:**From **12 a.m. to 10 a.m.** on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday AND/OR Saturday.**Low-Volume Watering**

For stressed plants, irrigation is allowed for 10 minutes per day on any day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off nozzle. Drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time. However, a voluntary reduction in use is encouraged, and any low-volume system should not produce water runoff. Watering cans are also low-volume and can be used anytime.

Fertilizer, Insecticide, Fungicide and Herbicide Water-In

Allowed during normally allowable watering days and times unless a professional licensed applicator has posted a temporary sign containing the date of application and the date(s) of needed watering-in activity.

Irrigation System Repair

Irrigation systems can be used at any time for up to 10 minutes, once per week, for cleaning, maintenance and repair. An attendant must be present to monitor the system.

Reclaimed Water

Irrigation using 100% reclaimed water is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged.

Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Decorative Fountains and All Other Outdoor Water Uses

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged.

For more information on water shortage restrictions, visit our web site at www.sfwmd.gov/conserv or call our **Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876** to request more information.

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COMMERCIAL WATER-USE RESTRICTIONS

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Golf Courses

Golf courses must reduce their allocated water use by 30%. They are not restricted to watering at certain days or times. Where possible, golf courses should limit watering to early mornings or evenings to reduce water loss through evaporation. Permit holders must report their weekly water usage at www.sfwmd.gov/consERVE by noon each Monday.

Agriculture

Agricultural water users may not use overhead irrigation systems from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Overhead irrigation for stress reduction on field-grown citrus nursery stock is allowed daily for 10 minutes per irrigation zone from **11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** and from **1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.** Hand-watering and low-volume irrigation should be voluntarily reduced.

Plant Nurseries

Nursery owners may operate overhead irrigation systems seven days a week from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** for inside or shaded plants, and from **5 a.m. to 8 a.m.** AND/OR from **4 p.m. to 11 p.m.** for outside plants. Stress reduction watering for containerized stock is allowed from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** for 10 minutes per irrigation zone. External bench misting is allowed for 10 minutes per zone during daylight hours. Flood irrigation systems are restricted to 6 days. Hand-watering should be voluntarily reduced.

No irrigation is allowed on days with sufficient rainfall. Users shall install a rainfall cut-off switch or similar measuring device to determine when there has been enough rain to meet irrigation demands.

What happens if I don't follow these restrictions?

Residential and commercial water restrictions are mandatory and will be enforced by South Florida Water Management District staff, local governments and law enforcement agencies. Residential fines vary by municipality, but typically range from \$25 to \$125 for a first offense. Civil penalties for violations of restrictions by District permittees and commercial users begin at \$1,500 and can increase depending on the severity and frequency of the violation.

How can I report violations of water restrictions?

You may report violations to local law enforcement or city/county zoning and code enforcement agencies. Both have the authority to issue warnings and citations that can lead to fines. If you choose to notify your local law enforcement agency, please call their non-emergency number.

How often should I irrigate my lawn?

Proper irrigation is based on the amount of water each lawn needs. Lawns and landscapes typically need to receive only three-quarters to an inch of water each week. This usually means a maximum of two hours of irrigation per week, or a maximum of 15 minutes per irrigation zone for each water application. The lawn may not need to be watered at all if it has rained during the week.

Is there a way that I can get permission to change my watering days or times?

Yes. You may apply for a variance from water restrictions. The application form and instructions for completing the form are online at www.sfwmd.gov. Click the Water Restrictions tab in the left column. Links to the form and instructions are in a light green box labeled "Need another day or time?" on the right side of the page. Your application will be reviewed by South Florida Water Management District staff, and approval or denial is based on criteria listed in the Water Shortage Plan Rule. For more information about variances, call **(800) 432-2045**.

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