

City of St. Petersburg
WATERING RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET

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The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board continues to impose Phase 2 watering restrictions for all sixteen counties within its District.

*** ONCE A WEEK WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT ***

Please note, the following restrictions on outdoor water use are for St. Petersburg water customers located within city limits only. If you live outside city limits or receive your water bill from another entity, please check with your municipality, Pinellas County, or the SWFWMD for current water restrictions in your area.

Effective Dates

These restrictions are in effect until June 30, 2010, unless modified by the SWFWMD.

Applicable Areas

SWFWMD Water Shortage Order 07-02 restrictions apply to SWFWMD's 16-county District, including St. Petersburg water customers located within City limits. If your property is outside the City, please check with your municipality, Pinellas County, or the SWFWMD for current water restrictions for your area.

Enforcement

St. Petersburg continues to enforce watering restrictions. First time violations observed by enforcement personnel will result in the issuance of a Warning Notice. Subsequent violations will result in a Class II municipal ordinance offense that is subject to a \$175 fine, plus court costs. Court costs range from \$13 for uncontested violations to \$58 for contested violations. Subsequent violations are subject to higher fines as assessed by the court up to a maximum fine of \$500 plus court costs.

Lawn and Landscape Water Use Rules

Watering with potable (city) water, water from private wells or private connections to surface water sources (lakes, ponds, etc.) is restricted according to property address as follows:

- Addresses ending in an even number or the letters A through M shall irrigate on Saturday only.
- Addresses ending in an odd number, the letters N through Z, and locations with no address shall irrigate on Sunday only.

<i>Even Addresses or the Letters A through M</i>	<i>Odd Addresses, the Letters N through Z, or No Address</i>
Saturday ONLY	Sunday ONLY

- Irrigation is allowed from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Watering of the same area twice within the same day is NOT permitted.

- Hand watering of non-lawn landscape is allowed at any time, on any day, if needed. An automatic shutoff device must be installed on your hose and used at all times.
- Hand watering of lawn / turf is allowed ONLY during your designated watering day and times.
- Micro-irrigation (low-flow or drip irrigation) is allowed at any time, on any day, if needed.

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Users of Reclaimed Water. Lawn and landscape irrigation using reclaimed water is not currently restricted. However, residents are asked to be "water wise" and water no more than three days per week: Even numbers should irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Odd numbers should irrigate on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Irrigation is suggested from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Watering during the heat of the day is inefficient as much of the water used is lost to evaporation and wind drift.

Variance Rules for Watering New/Replacement Lawns and New Landscape Plants

Irrigation of new plants, new sod installations, and lawn renovations (sod, plugs, and other turfgrass material) with potable (city) water, private well water, and private connections to surface water sources (lakes, ponds, etc.) *requires a variance granted by St. Petersburg's Water Resources Department.* The new plant material may be watered on any day of the week; however, allowable watering hours are 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

This 30-day variance may be obtained by calling 892-5020 and submitting appropriate documentation along with the customer's request. Include your name, address and phone number. Eligibility requirements apply. Only one variance is allowed within a six month period. No extensions will be granted.

Other Water Use Rules

- Large aesthetic fountains and waterfalls shall be operated no more than eight (8) hours per day.
- Small indoor and backyard fountains may operate at any time.
- Pressure washing is allowed.
- Wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited.
- Use of an automatic shutoff device is required when using a hose for any purpose.
- Chemicals such as pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides applied to lawn or plants by a hired professional shall be watered in according to manufacturer's instructions within 24 hours after application. A sign showing the date of application must be visible in the yard. Allowable hours must still be followed (5 a.m. to 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.). Chemical treatments not applied by a hired professional must be watered-in on designated watering day, during allowable times for the address.
- Cleaning and maintenance of an irrigation system is limited to once a week. An attendant must be present.
- Boat washing and motor flushing are allowed after usage.

Thank you for doing your part to save our valuable water resources. Check for leaks, replace or retrofit fixtures to be more water efficient, install a rain sensor on your sprinkler system, and follow outdoor water restrictions. For more information on how we can assist you in conserving water, call the water conservation office at 892-5688 or visit www.stpete.org/water