

Watering Restrictions

Landscape irrigation schedule:

Recent changes in water restrictions by the St. Johns River Water Management District may have some folks confused! You've probably seen or heard advertisements by the District that irrigation schedules have been reduced to one day a week during Eastern Standard Time. **This is true – except for City of Altamonte Springs reclaimed water customers.**

In March 2009, the District amended Rule 40C-2 F.A.C. that governs residential and non-residential landscape irrigation for potable (drinking) water users. This rule exempts reclaimed water users and allows the City to govern the use of this commodity. The following schedules are in place year round for reclaimed water customers:

Single Family Residential

Odd Number Address:

Landscape irrigation at odd-numbered addresses must only occur on Wednesday and Saturday and must not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

Even Number Address or No Address:

Landscape irrigation at even-numbered addresses or no address must only occur on Thursday and Sunday and must not occur between 10:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

Commercial and Metered Users:

*****NEW SCHEDULE*****

All addresses may water on Tuesday and Friday.

NO WATERING IS ALLOWED ANY DAY BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M.

Exceptions:

- Irrigation using a micro-irrigation system is allowed anytime.
- Irrigation of new landscape is allowed at any time of day on any day for the initial thirty (30) days and every other day for the next thirty (30) days for a total of one sixty-day period, provided that the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount necessary for such landscape establishment.
- Watering in of chemicals, including insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, and herbicides when required by law, or the manufacturer, is allowed anytime within twenty-four (24) hours of application.
- Irrigation systems may be operated anytime for maintenance and repair purposes not to exceed ten (10) minutes per hour per zone.
- Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle is allowed anytime.

Variances:

A variance from the landscape irrigation schedule may be granted by the Director of Public Works and Utilities in accordance with City of Altamonte Springs Code of Ordinances, Section 26-170 to 173.

DOWNLOAD THE VARIANCE REQUEST FORM HERE*

*Requires Adobe Reader 8.0 or higher to view

When you or your irrigation contractor are working on the irrigation system, you or your irrigation contractor must call our office and let us know the day and time of the testing to avoid watering restriction fines. We can be contacted at 407-571-8340 Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Note: The pressures on reclaimed water will be lowered during restricted hours from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. and on non-watering days.

What if you live in the City, but do not use reclaimed water for irrigation? If you use potable (drinking) water service or a private well for irrigation you **must** follow the SJRWMD rule and reduce your use to one day a week during Eastern Standard Time. If you use any other source for irrigation or have questions about when to irrigate, please call 407-571-8567 or email SJSheiman@altamonte.org.

Enforcement:

First Offense - Written Warning (Door Hanger)

Second Offense - **\$50** Fine (Written Citation)

Third Offense - \$125 Fine (Written Citation) and discontinuation of reclaimed water service which requires a \$25 reconnect fee for a total fine of **\$150** for this offense.

Fourth Offense - \$475 Fine (Written Citation) and discontinuation of reclaimed water service which requires a \$25 reconnect fee for a total fine of **\$500** for this offense.

Please visit the Code of Ordinances link at the City's Web Site, www.altamonte.org for additional information, or call 407-571-8340.