



The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in 16 counties – from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

OUR MISSION

To **SAFEGUARD** and **RESTORE** South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, **PROTECT** our communities from flooding, and **MEET** the region's water needs while **CONNECTING** with the public and stakeholders

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Protecting Our Water Resources Through Water Conservation



More than 50 percent of the water used by South Florida residents is for landscape irrigation. With billions of gallons of water used every day and projections for continued population growth, we all need to do our part to conserve water and ensure there is enough for all of us, including communities and the environment, to survive and thrive.

In order to conserve water, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and most local counties and municipalities have permanent Landscape Irrigation Conservation measures in place. These measures limit landscape watering to either two days a week or three days a week depending on where the property is located. The rule applies to all water sources except reclaimed water.

SFWMD Rules

2 Day-A-Week Watering

- ▶ No watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ▶ Residents and businesses with an odd-numbered street address may water lawns and landscapes on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays.
- ▶ Residents and businesses with an even-numbered street address, no street address or those that have both even and odd addresses within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowner associations, may water lawns and landscapes on Thursdays and/or Sundays.



3 Day-A-Week Watering

- ▶ No watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ▶ Residents and businesses with an odd-numbered street address may water lawns and landscapes on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays
- ▶ Residents and businesses with an even-numbered street address, no street address or those that have both even and odd addresses within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Sundays.

(Always check your local ordinances for more specific restrictions that may pertain to your community).



More Details About Irrigation Restrictions



New Landscapes

The Landscape Irrigation Rule allows additional watering for up to 90 days following the installation of new lawns and landscaping.

- ▶ On the day new landscaping is installed, new plantings and the soil may be irrigated once without regard to the normally allowable watering days and times. Soil irrigation is also allowed immediately prior to planting.
- ▶ New plantings that have been in place for 30 days or less may be watered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays.
- ▶ New plantings that have been in place from 31 to 90 days may be watered on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays.
- ▶ ***Irrigation is limited to the areas containing new landscaping only.***
An entire irrigation zone may be watered only if new landscaping is planted on at least 50 percent of that zone. If new landscaping is planted on less than 50 percent of an irrigation zone, only the new plantings may be watered.

Exclusions to the SFWMD Year-Round Rule

- ▶ The use of low-volume irrigation methods – including micro-irrigation, container watering and hand-watering with a hose (with an automatic shut-off nozzle) – is allowed anytime.
- ▶ The use of reclaimed water and harvested rainwater for irrigation purposes is allowed anytime.

Alternative Irrigation Schedule

If unique circumstances prohibit adherence to the mandatory landscape irrigation conservation measures, individuals and businesses/organizations may seek an alternative schedule that still meets the intent of the rule. Email conservation@sfwmd.gov with questions about requests for alternative irrigation schedules and the approval process.

Questions

For more information on the rule, including watering days and times by county or municipality, visit SFWMD.gov/LandscapeIrrigation or email a water conservation expert at conservation@sfwmd.gov.

