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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance at a public hearing on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, setting the year-round watering restrictions for one-day-per-week. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) enacted a twice-per-week watering rule effective July 1st; however, each county within the district may enact their own restrictions which may be more restrictive but not less. The Board voted 3-2 in favor of the new ordinance.

Although lawn watering has been allowed two days per week since July 1st when SWFWMD enacted its new rule, Hernando County Code Enforcement will now return to enforcement of the one-day-per-week rule. "We want to make sure that our residents fully understand that we are staying with the one-day-per-week rule which has been in effect for the past 3 1/2 years," said Jean Rags, Health & Human Services Director.

If your address ends with:	You may water only on:
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday

You may water only before 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM.

For more information about Hernando County's watering restrictions, call (352) 754-4037.

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# Yes!

## We Are Under One Day Per Week Watering Restrictions

**You may water before 8:00 A.M. OR after 6:00 P.M. on your designated day. The current restrictions only allow one complete irrigation application for each property each week—on the designated day and at the designated time.**

Addresses which end with:	May Water On:
0 or 1 .....	Monday
2 or 3 .....	Tuesday
4 or 5 .....	Wednesday
6 or 7 .....	Thursday
8 or 9 .....	*Friday

\*also locations that have mixed addresses or for addresses that cannot be determined (such as common areas associated with subdivisions).

**The restrictions on watering of new plant materials like sod and plugs have changed.** The new restrictions still allow watering at any time on the day of installation then daily watering before 8 or after 6 is still allowed for the next 30 days. The day that the new plant material is installed are you allowed to water at any time—after the day it is planted you must water only before 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM.

Day 31-60: You may water new plant material 3 days per week based on the last number of your address.

Even Addresses may water only: Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday (before 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM)

Odd Addresses may water only: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday (before 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM)

Watering during this establishment period may be done by using an entire irrigation zone only if there is at least 50% new plant material installed within that zone. If there is not 50% new plant material (within an irrigation zone) watering must be accomplished by some other means, such as hand watering so that only the new material is irrigated.

### **Quick Irrigation System Hints:**

- Surges or interruptions in electricity may cause some irrigation systems to reset. Please be sure to check your timer regularly. Timer malfunctions or mistakes made in settings will likely still be a watering restriction violation.
- Consider turning your irrigation system on manual. That way you water only when you decide to turn the switch. (On your designated day and not between 8:00-6:00.)
- Check for leaks, breaks and misaligned heads often.

Remember, you are responsible for making sure you follow the rules. Avoid a watering restriction citation by following the simple rules shown above.

### **Watering New Sod Guidelines:**

(These guidelines are in the absence of rain. Less irrigation is required if you have adequate rain. These are GUIDELINES and not regulations.)

Week 1 – Water briefly once a day applying no more than ¼ inch of irrigation, applying more water will not aid in establishment of your sod and will waste water.

Week 2 – Water daily applying between ¼ to ½ inch of irrigation.

Week 3 – Water every other day with ½ inch of irrigation.

Week 4 – Water twice a week with ¾ inch of irrigation.

Week 5 – Water no more than once a week with ¾ inch of irrigation or as needed\*

\*This information is provided by Jim Moll, Extension Agent, Hernando County Extension Service (352-754-4433) and Dr. Laurie Trenholm, Turfgrass Specialist, University of Florida/IFAS.

**For More Information on Restrictions See: <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/restrictions/>**