

NOTICE
WATERING RESTRICTIONS
HAVE BEEN EXTENDED
TO SEPT 30, 2008

IMPORTANT

One Day per Week Watering Restrictions

Here are quick “need to know points” about the one day per week watering restrictions.

What is my Designated Watering Day?

Addresses which end with:

0 or 1

2 or 3

4 or 5

6 or 7

8 or 9*

Designated Watering Day:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

* also locations with a mix addresses, or for which an address cannot be determined (such as common areas associated with a subdivision).

What Time May I Water?

You may only 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. You are not allowed to water between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Hand watering and micro-irrigation of non-lawn landscape is allowed.

What do I do about watering my new plants and sod?

For 60 days, starting the day of installation, you may water your new lawn and landscape plants daily. You may only water before 8:00 A.M. or after 6:00 P.M. on your designated day. As soon as the 60 day period is over, you must follow the once a week watering restrictions. It is recommended that you condition your new lawn or landscape to thrive on once a week watering. Please see the reverse side of this flyer for more information.

***Special Note to:** Residents of Glen Lakes, Seven-Hills, Wellington and Timber Pines: one day a week watering schedule applies to your subdivision. Variances are available if a specific property proposes an alternative irrigation plan (such as splitting a large property into two pieces and assigning a different day to each piece). Information on variances is available from SWFWMD.

Where can I go for more information?

Southwest Florida Water Management District: 1-800-848-0499 or 1-800-423-1476 Ext. 4498. Or visit their website at: www.WaterMatters.org

Hernando County Code Enforcement: 352-754-4056; <http://www.hernandocounty.us/code>
Hernando County Utilities Department: 352-754-4037; <http://www.hernandocounty.us/utills>
or visit the County’s website at: <http://www.hernandocounty.us>

You Can Grow A Good Quality Lawn That Will Survive With Less Watering, If You Prepare Your Lawn And Landscape Now!

A properly prepared lawn will develop a deep and extensive root system, which increases drought survival.

Proper Watering Practices Are Critical. You Should Water Less Often, But For A Longer Time.

Adjust your irrigation system the right way!

- Place several straight sided cans (e.g. tuna cans, pet food cans, etc.) randomly in the first zone that is watered.
- Let your system run for 15 minutes, then measure the amount collected in each can.
- Adjust your time clock so that it will deliver $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of water to the zone.
- Repeat this procedure in each irrigation zone.

Let Your Lawn Tell You When It's Thirsty! Watch For These Signs That Your Lawn Needs Water:

- The blades of the grass fold in half
- The lawn changes color to a dull bluish-grey
- Footprints remain long after walking on the lawn

You Can Save More Water In Your Yard By:

Raising the lawnmower blade to mow your lawn at 3 to 4 inches in height. Your lawn will develop a deeper root system and be better able to survive drought.

Using less fertilizer or avoid fertilization. Fertilizer increases plant growth and the water needs of plants.

Mulching your plants with a 2 to 3 inch layer of a plant-based material such as pine straw, oak leaves, eucalyptus, melaleuca, etc.

Checking your sprinkler system regularly. Clean sprinkler heads if clogged. Adjust sprinkler heads to keep them from watering the driveway, sidewalk or road. Replace broken or missing sprinkler heads.

Contacting the Hernando County Cooperative Extension Service at 352-754-4433 for more information on your lawn and landscape or on preparing for drought.