

## **Southwest Florida Water Management District Watering Schedule Beginning July 1, 2010**

Restrictions apply to all of Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, and Sumter counties and portions of Lake and Levy counties except where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments. Always refer to your local government or utility restriction guidelines first.

This is a summary; for details see [www.watermatters.org](http://www.watermatters.org), or call 800-848-0499.

### **Lawn Watering Schedule and Times**

- Lawn watering is limited to twice per week unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect,
- Even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

### **Landscape Watering Schedule and Times**

- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

### **New Lawns and Plants**

- New lawns and plants have a 30-30 establishment period, which allows any-day watering during the first 30 days.
- During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
- *Customers of Manatee County Utilities should call (941)-792-8811 to inform Utilities about extra watering on new plantings to avoid a potential citation.*

### **Reclaimed Water**

- Reclaimed water remains subject to voluntary watering hours, unless blended with another water source or restricted by the local government or utility.

### **Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing**

- There are no restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing.
- However, the District asks that residents be as efficient as possible, such as using a shut-off nozzle on their hose, so water isn't wasted.

Manatee County Utility customers are subject to fines – *no warnings* – for watering violations. First violation is a \$110 fine, second is \$210 and the third violation is \$550 plus a possible court appearance.