

Springtime irrigation should be water efficient

With springtime planting under way and dry conditions forecast for spring and summer in north and east-central Florida, year-round water conservation is one of the most important strategies to help meet Florida's water supply needs now and in the future.

Watering restrictions are in place throughout the year within the St. Johns River Water Management District's 18-county region to ensure the efficient use of water for lawn and landscape irrigation.

Coinciding with the return to daylight saving time on March 10, landscape irrigation is allowed up to two days a week before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Landscape irrigation is limited to the following days:

- Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an odd number or have no address
- Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an even number
- Tuesday and Friday for nonresidential landscape irrigation

In addition, irrigation is limited to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water per irrigation zone and to no more than one hour per irrigation zone on each day that irrigation occurs.

The restrictions apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump, or from a public or private water utility. Some exceptions apply, such as the use of water from a reclaimed water supply, which is allowed any time except when a local government restricts the use of reclaimed water.

Landscape irrigation is limited to one day a week during Eastern Standard Time, which resumes the first Sunday in November. This article is a Courtesy of SJRWMD Water News.
