

The Duval County Irrigation Ordinance Applies to...

Landscape irrigation whether it comes from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump, or from a public or private utility.

**No Watering
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



Landscape Irrigation Schedule

Daylight Savings Time

(Second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November)

- No more than 3/4" water or one hour per zone per irrigation day
- Do not water between 10 am & 4 pm
- Odd # addresses, those ending with N-Z or no address - Wednesday & Saturday
- Even # addresses or those ending with A-M— Thursday & Sunday
- Non-residential - Tuesday & Friday

Eastern Standard Time

(First Sunday in November to the second Sunday in March)

- No more than 3/4" water or one hour per zone per irrigation day
- Do not water between 10 am & 4 pm
- Odd # Houses or no address - Saturday
- Even # Houses — Sunday
- Non-residential - Tuesday

Exceptions to Schedule

- The use of micro-irrigation is allowed at any time provided water use is limited to only what is needed.
- Irrigation for new landscapes is allowed at any time of the day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the following 30 days for a total of 60 days.
- Watering in of chemicals, including insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, etc is allowed within 24 hours of the application and cannot exceed 1/4" of water or the limit allowed on the label.
- Irrigation systems may run at any time during the day for maintenance and repair up to 20 minutes per hour per zone.
- Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed any time.
- Discharge of water from a water-to-air air conditioning unit or other water dependent cooling system is not limited.
- The use of water from a reclaimed system, which may be supplemented from other sources during peak times, is allowed any day of the week except between 10 am and 4 pm.

Exceptions to Schedule, continued

- Recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds for irrigation is allowed any day of the week, but not between 10 am and 4 pm, provided the ponds are not augmented from any ground or off-site surface water or public supply source.

Penalties & Enforcement

- First Violation—written warning
- Second Violation—\$50.00 ticket
- Third Violation—\$250.00 ticket
- Each day is considered a separate violation
- May be enforced by the Environmental and Compliance Department, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and any other law enforcement officer of the state.

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Variance from Specific Day of the Week Watering

A variance may be granted if:

- Strict application of schedule would lead to unreasonable or unfair results, provided that the applicant demonstrates that the schedule will cause substantial economic, health, or other hardship.
- Contiguous properties are divided into different zones, it may be granted so that zones are watered on different days. However, no single zone may be irrigated more than 2 days per week.

Reclaimed Water, Private Wells, & Automatic Systems

- Private wells are not permitted for landscape irrigation if reclaimed water is available.
- Reclaimed water may be used to water edible fruits and vegetables that will be peeled, skinned, or thermally processed.
- Indirect application of reclaimed water, such as through drip irrigation where no contact to fruit is made is also acceptable.
- Automatic irrigation systems installed after 1991 must include a functional rain sensor device or switch to override the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

Duval County Extension Office

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