

Irrigation Timer Watering Times

April 1, 2016

To: Devonshire Residents

From: Nicholas D'Andrea, Jr., HOA President

Re: Resident Update
Irrigation Watering Times

Hello, neighbor!

The Board of Directors thought it would be prudent to make you aware of the Devonshire watering requirements and how they apply to your irrigation system watering times.

As you may or may not be aware, the City of Tampa regulates the amount of time that lawn irrigation can be done at certain times of the year, and posts this information on their website (this information is available via our website at www.villagesofdevonshire.com by clicking on the "Resident Info" link at the top of our home page and clicking on the water department link). To keep you up to date, *please use this link to also request a water alert email whenever the watering regulations change.*

Our irrigation timers are set seasonally, based on this regulation, to provide adequate irrigation for our plants, trees, and grass throughout the year, and especially during the times of drought. They are also checked on a regular basis by our landscape contractor to be sure that the settings are correct and to identify any potential problems. It appears, however, that some of us are either reducing these timer settings or turning off the timer completely. This, of course, negates the positive effect of adequate watering, resulting in areas of sod and plants dying due to lack of water. So the few dollars you may save by doing this actually costs you much more when your plants and sod have to be replaced at your cost. *Also, please remember that adjusting the watering times is a violation of the City of Tampa watering regulations and subjects you to a fine up to \$450.00 and a mandatory court appearance.*

In order to affect a solution, the following procedures will be implemented on Monday, April 11, 2016:

1. All irrigation timer boxes will have the address printed on the inside of the timer box for identification purposes.
2. If the watering times have been reduced or the timer turned off, the timer will be reset to the correct times and the address noted.
3. Any planting or sod areas that are water-deprived will be identified and their condition noted for further monitoring.

A letter will be sent to the property owner identifying the problem. If this problem reoccurs, a second letter will be sent to the owner indicating what recourse will be taken for a future occurrence. Failure to comply will then result in an attorney's letter sent to the owner which will require payment of a minimum of \$225.00 plus any other associated attorney fees. Any replacement of plantings, trees, or sod areas resulting from this lack of watering will be assessed to the owner for labor and material to replace the damaged areas.

Hopefully, this letter clarifies the watering requirements, and no further actions will be necessary.