

Water Restrictions

Modified Phase III - Effective June 5, 2017



On Tuesday, May 23, 2017 The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board voted to increase water restrictions throughout the region. The Modified Phase III water shortage affects counties throughout the District's boundaries including Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter.

The District's Modified Phase III Water Shortage is in effect June 5, 2017 through August 1, 2017, except where stricter measures have been imposed by local government. See Lawn watering schedule table below.

Lawn Watering Schedule	
(Irrigate before 8am or after 6pm)	
Addresses	Current Watering Day
Ending in 0 and 1	Monday
Ending in 2 and 3	Tuesday
Ending in 4 and 5	Wednesday
Ending in 6 and 7	Thursday
Ending in 8 and 9 or Letter	Friday
Addresses that end with a letter instead of a number will water on:	Friday

Lawn watering is limited to

- Once per week (if needed)
- Before 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM.
- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day at any time using a shut-off nozzle on hose so water is not wasted.

New Landscape and Plants

- New lawns and plants have a 60 day establishment period.
 - On days 1-30, they may water their lawn any day of the week during allowed times.
 - During days 30-60, they may water every other day as specified: Even number addresses may water Tuesdays, Thursday and Sunday. Odd number addresses may water on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

Car Washing

- Car washing is limited to once-per-week on the designated watering day (see lawn water schedule above).
- Commercial car washes, including mobile detailing businesses, may still operate on any day.
- Emergency and other first responder vehicles may still be washed on any day as needed.
- Fundraising events are prohibited unless they were scheduled prior to enactment of this order.

Pressure Washing

- Pressure washing is allowed once a year and for necessary purposes, such as prior to painting or sealing, in order to maintain a paint or material warranty, to address health or safety hazard and to comply with health laws.

Fountains

- Fountains and other aesthetic water features may only operate eight hours per day. The regular hours of operation can be selected by the owner, but **MUST BE POSTED**.

District Hydrologists report a rainfall deficit of 11-inches since the start of the dry season last October. In fact, this is the driest dry season in the past 103 years.

For additional details pertaining to Phase III Water shortage Order go to: <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/restrictions/swfwmd.php>

Florida's dry season runs October through May. The District encourages water conservation year-round, and offers many tips to reduce water use and additional information go to: <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/>