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WATER RESTRICTIONS

Once-Per-Week Irrigation Allowance

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Unincorporated Citrus County residents must follow mandatory irrigation restrictions, per MuniCode 66-35 – 66-41 adopted by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners. Citrus County enforces irrigation restrictions using field patrol and advanced metering data, where available.

Current Lawn Watering Schedule and Times

Lawn watering is limited to a maximum of one complete irrigation per week, as indicated below:

Address	Irrigation Day	Choose AM or PM Irrigation (not both)
Address that ends in 0 or 1	Monday	12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Address that ends in 2 or 3	Tuesday	12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Address that ends in 4 or 5	Wednesday	12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Address that ends in 6 or 7	Thursday	12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Address that ends in 8 or 9 and locations with a mix of addresses, (such as multi-family units and common areas associated with a subdivision)	Friday	12 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

* Irrigation may only occur during the AM or PM allowable time period, not both.

* Properties larger than one acre that cannot accomplish a complete irrigation cycle during one of the allowable times, may request a variance to split zones between AM and PM. Call 352-527-7669 for variance details.

* Watering grass with a hose-end sprinkler or by hand is restricted to the same allowable days and hours.

* Watering plants (not grass) with a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle or micro-irrigation can be done on any day and at any time.

Do Newly Installed Plants / Grass Qualify for Additional Water?

All new plant material qualifies for additional watering*. However, how that watering is accomplished is restricted. For example, if new plantings cover at least 50% of an irrigation zone, that zone can be irrigated via the automatic system. Zones that have less than 50% new material must be watered via a targeted method such as a hose-end sprinkler focused on the new plantings or hand watered.

- Zones with more than 50% New Plant Material – CAN use the automatic irrigation system
- Zones with less than 50% New Plant Material – MUST choose a targeted watering method, such as hand watering, hose-end sprinkler or other method that isolates water to the New Plant Material.

* Overseeding an existing lawn is sometimes used to thicken grass or make it green in winter. But this **DOES NOT QUALIFY** for the additional watering allowance. Spreading rye or bahia seed over an existing lawn is an example of overseeding.

New Plant Material Watering Allowance:

- New lawns and plants have a 30-30 establishment period, which allows any-day watering during the first 30 days, before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week:
 - even addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and/or Sunday, if needed
 - odd addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and/or Saturday, if needed

Citrus County suggests you **Call Before You Install** new plant material. To discuss or report new plantings, call (352) 527-7669.

There are NO discounts on water rates for additional watering. All water is subject to Citrus County Utilities rates, as published at: https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/utility_business_services/fees_and_rates.php

Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing

There are no restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing. However, please be as efficient as possible. Hoses must be equipped with shut-off nozzles.

Enforcement

Citrus County Water Resources enforces the mandated irrigation schedule through regular patrol. The following pertains to irrigation violations:

- No Warnings
- 1st Violations - \$100
- 2nd Violations - \$250
- 3rd Violations - \$500