

## City of Tarpon Springs Watering Restrictions

Following are the requirements in effect until further notice:

### Irrigation Using City Water or Irrigation Using Wells/Lakes/Ponds

Irrigation of established lawns and landscaping is authorized for **one day per week**.

<b>If your house number ends in:</b>	<b>Then you may water on:</b>
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday
Mixed or No address	Friday

Watering is limited to **the following hours** to minimize evaporative losses:

<b>Morning Hours</b>	OR	<b>Evening Hours</b>
12:01 AM to 8:00 AM		6:00 PM to 11:59 PM

Watering is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Properties two acres or greater in size may irrigate during the hours of 12:01 AM to 10:00 AM or 4:00 PM to 11:59 PM on the authorized day.

### Residential Car Washing

Restricted to only **one washing per week**:

<b>If your house number ends in:</b>	<b>Then you may wash your vehicle on:</b>
EVEN number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	Tuesday or Saturday
ODD number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	Wednesday or Sunday

Low volume methods only, such as a hand-held hose equipped with a trigger (self canceling) nozzle.

### Irrigation Using City Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater processed by the City's advanced wastewater treatment plant. Due to limitations in its supply and distribution system, reclaimed water service is available only to some areas of the City.

Irrigation using reclaimed water is allowed on any day of the week. To maximize the availability of supply to existing customers, the City maintains **voluntary** restriction of reclaimed water usage to **twice per week**.

- Voluntary restrictions include **the following hours** to minimize evaporative losses:

<b>Morning Hours</b>
12:01 AM to 10:00 AM

OR

<b>Evening Hours</b>
4:00 PM to 11:59 PM

**Other Restrictions**

**(APPLIES TO ALL WATER SOURCES EXCEPT RECLAIMED WATER)**

Florida Administrative Code 40D-21

<p><b>New Lawns (Sod, Plugs &amp; Other Turfgrass Material)</b></p> <p><b>Establishment Period</b></p> <p><b>Irrigation Exemption</b></p>	<p><b>New turfgrass may be watered for a <u>30-day total</u> establishment period.</b></p> <p>Day 1 to Day 15: new or replacement turfgrass may be watered any day of the week.</p> <p>Day 16 to Day 30: new or replacement turfgrass may be watered 3 days per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Even addresses</b> only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday</li> <li>• <b>Odd addresses</b> only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday</li> </ul> <p>Only during authorized hours.</p> <p>Isolated to new lawn area only.</p> <p>Exemption begins on the day of installation.</p> <p><u>On the day of installation</u>, new turfgrass may be irrigated once without regard to the allowable watering times.</p> <p>An entire zone of an irrigation system may be used if the zone waters an area that contains at least 50% new turfgrass material.</p> <p>Partial zone or dispersed plantings shall be watered by some other, more targeted means of supplemental irrigation.</p>
<p><b>New Landscaping (Plants &amp; Shrubs)</b></p> <p><b>Establishment Period</b></p> <p><b>Irrigation Exemption</b></p>	<p><b>New plant materials may be watered for a <u>60-day total</u> establishment period.</b></p> <p>Day 1 to Day 30, new landscape may be watered any day of the week.</p> <p>Day 31 to Day 60, new landscape may be watered 3 days per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Even addresses</b> only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday</li> <li>• <b>Odd addresses</b> only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday</li> </ul> <p>Only during authorized hours.</p> <p>Isolated to new plant area only.</p> <p>Exemption begins on the day of installation.</p> <p><u>On the day of installation</u>, new plant material may be irrigated once without regard to the allowable watering times.</p> <p>An entire zone of an irrigation system may be used if the zone waters an area</p>

	<p>that contains at least 50% new plant material.</p> <p>Partial zone or dispersed plantings shall be watered by some other, more targeted means of supplemental irrigation.</p>
<b>Pressure Washing</b>	<p>Pressure washing for any reason is only allowed once a year. However, pressure washing for necessary purposes, which include cleaning prior to painting or sealing, maintaining a paint or material warranty, addressing a health or safety hazard and complying with local, state or federal health laws, is allowed.</p>
<b>Trees, Shrubs, Flowers &amp; Vegetables</b>	<p>Hand-watering is allowed with a shut-off nozzle or other water efficient device. Restricted to before 8 AM or after 6 PM.</p>
<b>Lawn Chemicals</b>	<p>Irrigation to water-in necessary lawn chemicals is not restricted when required by the manufacturer or when required by law.</p> <p>Chemical applications shall be watered during authorized watering hours and on regularly designated irrigation days when possible.</p>
<b>Low-Volume Irrigation Devices</b>	<p>Landscape (groundcover other than lawn) may be irrigated on an as-needed basis without regard to the normally allowable watering days if Low-Volume Irrigation technology is used.</p> <p>Restricted to before 8 AM or after 6 PM</p>
<b>Irrigation System Testing &amp; Repair</b>	<p>May be operated for cleaning and maintenance with an attendant on site</p> <p>No more than once per week and one test should not exceed 10 minutes</p>
<b>Fountains, Waterfalls &amp; Artistic Water Features</b>	<p>Small residential and backyard fountains can operate any time.</p> <p>Large community/park fountains can only operate for 8 hours per day and must be posted.</p> <p>Stormwater pond fountains may be operated as necessary when it provides a necessary water quality benefit.</p>
<b>Vertical Mowing</b>	<p>May only receive two extra waterings: immediately upon removal of the thatch and then one week later to water-in a complete fertilizer.</p>
<b>Overseeding</b>	<p>No special or extra watering is allowed for overseeding an existing lawn</p>
<b>Wasteful &amp; Unnecessary Use of Water</b>	<p>The following wasteful and unnecessary water uses are <b>prohibited</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing water to flow from an unattended hose</li> <li>• Hand-watering a lawn on a restricted day or more than once a day, except when used for spot treatment</li> <li>• Hosing-down a driveway or solid surface when a dry method could be</li> </ul>

used or hosing-down a structure when a dry method could be used
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allowing water to flow from a broken sprinkler head, outdoor faucet, malfunctioning plumbing or irrigation system after receiving verbal or written notice</li></ul>

**Additional information**

For general questions about **watering restrictions and policies regarding such restrictions**, please contact:

**Southwest Florida Water Management District**  
**1-800-423-1476 OR 1-800-848-0499**  
**Website: [www.swfwmd.state.fl.us](http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us)**

For **specific questions about City of Tarpon Springs watering restrictions** or questions related to your water service, please contact ;

**City of Tarpon Springs**  
**Water Division**  
**727-942-5606**

For **specific questions about City of Tarpon Springs reclaimed water restrictions** or questions related to reclaimed water service, please contact:

**City of Tarpon Springs**  
**Wastewater Division**  
**727-942-5616**

To report watering restriction violations or questions regarding enforcement, please contact:

**City of Tarpon Springs**  
**Code Enforcement Division**  
**727-937-0017**  
**[TarponCode@tspd.us](mailto:TarponCode@tspd.us)**