

Tampa Year-Round Water Use Restrictions Summary Sheet

This sheet is only a summary of Tampa Code Section 26-97 and Chapter 40D-22, F.A.C. For complete details, please refer to the source documents available online (visit www.TampaGov.net/WaterRestrictions).

Please visit www.TampaGov.net/WaterRestrictions for a more detailed clarification of water use restrictions in place within Tampa city limits. Listen to a recorded water restrictions summary by calling (813) 274-8032.

If you are a Tampa Water Department customer outside the city limits, call the county's Water Restriction Information Line at (813) 275-7094.

Water use restrictions in Unincorporated Hillsborough County are set and enforced by Hillsborough County Water Resource Services.

To report a suspected water use violation, please call (813) 274-8036 or use the reporting link available in the Customer Service Center on the City Web site.

Tampa enforces restrictions year-round. Fines are: 1st violation: \$100; 2nd violation: \$200 and 3rd and subsequent violations: \$450 and a mandatory court appearance. Citations are issued upon first observed violation of any water use restriction.

Water use restrictions are subject to change at any time in response to regional and local water supply conditions and Emergency Orders issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Visit www.TampaGov.net/Water to subscribe to our e-newsletter.

Water Use Restrictions Inside Tampa City Limits:

Irrigation of established lawns (turfgrass) and landscaping (non-turf) is allowed up to twice a week, on assigned days. Any one zone of a property may only be watered once during the allowable day, NOT both in the morning and again in the evening. These restrictions apply to all water sources, except reclaimed water, although reclaimed water customers are encouraged to use only what they need.

Properties of any size may only water between 12:01 a.m. and 8 a.m. OR between 6 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on the allowed day.

Follow the permitted watering schedule outlined in the chart below:

- At addresses ending in 0, 1, 2, or 3 - Mondays and Thursdays;
- At addresses ending in 4, 5, or 6 - Tuesdays and Fridays;
- At addresses ending in 7, 8, or 9 - Wednesdays and Saturdays;
- At locations with no address (common areas, entry areas), and locations with mixed addresses (office complexes, shopping centers) - Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Note: Persons may not use an irrigation system and a hand-held hose to water the same area twice on their day. Watering of landscapes using an in-ground irrigation system (rotor and spray sprinkler heads) or a hose equipped with a portable sprinkler is limited to the same twice-per-week schedule.

Hand watering of lawns and grass (using a hand held hose with an automatic shut off nozzle) may only occur during the designated days and times for irrigation of established lawns and landscaping at that address.

Low-volume watering (micro-irrigation, soaker hoses, hand watering, etc.) of flower beds, shrubs and other non-lawn plants is allowed on any day and at any time, if needed.

All landscape irrigation systems must be equipped with a **rain sensor device** or switch that will override the irrigation cycle of the sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred. This requirement applies to both new and older irrigation systems.

Refer to Tampa Code Sec. 26-97 for additional allowances for **new plant establishment** and **chemical applications**.