

Tampa Water Use Restrictions Summary Sheet

This sheet is only a summary of Tampa Emergency Water Use Ordinance 2009-81 and Water Shortage Order No. SWF 08-044. For complete details, please refer to the source documents. Both of these items are available online (visit www.TampaGov.net/Water).

Please visit www.TampaGov.net/WaterRestrictions for more a detailed clarification of water use restrictions in place within Tampa city limits. Day of the week irrigation restrictions depend on what water source is being used. 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 on the Customer Service Center on the City Web site.

Tampa has been enforcing one-day-a-week irrigation restrictions since May 2006. 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.

Irrigation systems may be operated during restricted hours for **cleaning and maintenance** purposes, but limited to ten (10) minutes per week. An attendant must remain visibly on site during the entire cleaning and maintenance operation.

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.

Water Use Restrictions Inside Tampa City Limits:

Irrigation of established lawns (turfgrass) and landscaping (non-turf) is allowed one day a week. 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. **All irrigation must be accomplished prior to 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.**

Follow the permitted day of the week watering schedule outlined in the chart below based on water source:

| Using City Of Tampa Provided Potable Water (per 2009-81) | Using Wells or Alternative Water Source (per SWF 08-044) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even Addresses (ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8) - Tuesday • Odd Addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) - Sunday • Locations with no address, including medians, rights of way and common areas - Sunday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses ending in 0 or 1 - Monday • Addresses ending in 2 or 3 - Tuesday • Addresses ending in 4 or 5 - Wednesday • Addresses ending in 6 or 7 - Thursday • Addresses ending in 8 or 9, locations with no address (common areas, entry areas), and locations with mixed addresses (office complexes, shopping centers) - Friday |

Note: The same lawn area may not be watered by multiple means, in other words, 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 once-per-week schedule.

Low volume irrigation of plant materials other than lawns and grass is allowed any day, however, you must water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The use must not be wasteful and unnecessary. Low volume irrigation means devices which apply a maximum of thirty (30) gallons per hour per emitter.

You may **hand-water** plant material other than lawns and grass on any day, as long as you do so before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.. However, such use may not be wasteful and unnecessary. Hand watering of lawns and grass may only occur during the designated day and time for irrigation of established lawns and landscaping at that address. A hose-end sprinkler placed in the yard is not considered hand watering and is subject to the same once-per-week restrictions as an in-ground sprinkler system.

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Irrigation for establishment of new lawns and landscaping (must be accomplished during permitted hours):

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| <p>Turfgrass - The establishment period for new sod, plugs, and turfgrass is limited to a period of 30 calendar days:</p> | <p>Landscaping (other than turfgrass) – the establishment period is limited to 60 calendar days:</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On days 1-15, beginning the day of installation, you may water as necessary any day of the week. • On days 16-30, even-numbered addresses may water as necessary on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; odd-numbered addresses may water as necessary on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. • Following this period, all turfgrass is considered established, and must follow the restrictions for established lawns. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On days 1-15, beginning the day of installation, you may water new plants as necessary any day of the week. • On days 16-45, even-numbered addresses may water new plants as necessary on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; odd-numbered addresses may water new plants as necessary on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. • On days 46-60, even-numbered addresses may water new plants as necessary on Tuesday and Saturday. Odd-numbered addresses may water new plants as necessary on Wednesday and Sunday. |

New plant material must cover at least 50 percent of an irrigation zone in order to water with an in-ground sprinkler system during the initial establishment period. If not, the new plant material must be hand watered. Even if you water by hand, you must follow the same guidelines for new lawn and landscaping establishment.

If **chemicals such as pesticide, fertilizer, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides** are applied to your lawn or landscape plants by a hired professional, they can be watered in according to manufacturer’s instructions the date of application during allowed hours. Applying water following a chemical treatment by a hired professional is allowable on your non-designated watering day provided a dated chemical advisory marker showing the date of chemical application is visible in the yard (usually by the mailbox). Also, restricted hours must still be followed (before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.).

If you wish to apply a chemical treatment to your lawn or landscape plants yourself, the application of water must be done on your designated watering day and times for your address.

Washing of cars, trucks and other mobile equipment is allowed once a week. At a residential property, vehicle washing may occur on Tuesday or Saturday at addresses ending in even numbers, and Wednesday or Sunday at addresses ending in odd numbers. Low-volume methods must be used, such as fitting your hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Pressure washing is allowed 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. Aesthetic concerns, even those raised by a Homeowner Association in accordance with its deed restrictions, do not constitute a “necessary” purpose.

Fountains, waterfalls and other outdoor artistic water features, including the aeration of stormwater ponds to provide a necessary water quality benefit, are limited to operating four hours a day, and the operating hours shall be posted. Under limited conditions some fountains may be permitted to operate up to eight hours a day - visit www.TampaGov.net/WaterRestrictions for a list of conditions and more information.