

WATERING RESTRICTIONS EASED

Due to improved water conditions since the end of the record 2008-2009 dry season and above average rainfall since then, the South Florida Water Management District relaxed irrigation restrictions effective March 15, 2010. In Palm Beach County, lawn and garden irrigation is now permitted three times per week according to the following schedule:

Odd addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

Even addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday

Additional watering days are permitted for new lawns and Landscaping for up to 90 days.

All watering must be conducted between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

No watering is permitted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

These new conservation limits are intended to be permanent. However, please note that if drought condition recur, more stringent restrictions may be reintroduced and local governments are permitted to impose more stringent restrictions based on local conditions at any time. Furthermore, the SFWMD points out that although some residents and businesses may irrigate three days a week under the new rule, two-day-a-week irrigation is often more than enough for South Florida lawns and landscapes, which typically need only three-quarters to an inch of water a week. Irrigation may not even be necessary if sufficient rain falls during the week. In addition, less frequent watering helps condition grass to develop deeper, stronger roots, creating a healthier, more drought-tolerant lawn that can better respond to dry times.