

**City of St. Petersburg**  
**WATERING RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET**

Text Revised August 2, 2017

St. Petersburg is in a water caution area as defined by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and is committed to water conservation.

**Year-Round Water Conservation Restrictions Are In Effect**

**\* TWICE A WEEK WATERING RESTRICTIONS \***

Please note, the following restrictions on outdoor water use are for **St. Petersburg water customers located within city limits only**. If you live outside city limits or receive your water bill from another entity, please check with your municipality, Pinellas County, or the SWFWMD for current water restrictions in your area.

**Lawn and Landscape Water Use Rules**

Watering with potable (city) water, water from private wells or private connections to surface water sources (lakes, ponds, etc.) is restricted according to property address number as follows:

- Addresses ending in an even number shall irrigate on Tuesday and Saturday only.
- Addresses ending in an odd number and locations with no address shall irrigate on Wednesday and Sunday only.

<i><b>Even Address</b></i>	<i><b>Odd Address or No Address</b></i>
<b>Tuesday and Saturday ONLY</b>	<b>Wednesday and Sunday ONLY</b>

- Irrigation is allowed from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Micro-irrigation (low-flow or drip irrigation) is allowed at any time, on any day, if needed.
- Hand watering of non-lawn landscape is allowed at any time, on any day, if needed. An automatic shutoff device must be installed on your hose and used at all times.
- Hand watering of lawn / turf is allowed **ONLY** during your designated watering days and times.

**Users of Reclaimed Water.** Lawn and landscape irrigation using reclaimed water is not currently restricted. However, residents are asked to be "water wise" and water no more than three days per week: Even numbers should irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Odd numbers should irrigate on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Irrigation is suggested from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Watering during the heat of the day is inefficient as much of the water is lost to evaporation and wind drift.

**Other Water Use Rules**

- Wasteful and unnecessary water use is *prohibited*.
- Use of an automatic shutoff device (AKA hose nozzle) is required when using a hose for any purpose.
- Cleaning and maintenance of an irrigation system is limited to once a week. An attendant must be present. Run times cannot exceed ten (10) minutes per zone.
- Chemicals such as pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides applied to lawn or plants by a hired professional shall be watered in according to manufacturer's instructions within 24 hours after application. A sign showing the date of application must be visible in the yard.

Allowable hours must still be followed (5 a.m. to 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.). Chemical treatments not applied by a hired professional must be watered-in on designated watering days, during allowable times for the address.

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**Other Water Use Rules, continued**

- Car washing is not restricted. Use of an automatic hose shutoff device (AKA hose nozzle) is required.
- Water Use for aesthetic fountains and waterfalls is allowed.
- Boat washing and motor flushing are allowed.

**Enforcement**

St. Petersburg continues to enforce watering restrictions. First time violations observed by enforcement personnel will result in the issuance of a Warning Notice. Subsequent violations will result in a citation for a Class II municipal ordinance offense that is subject to a \$180 fine, plus court costs. Court costs range from \$13 for uncontested violations to \$58 for contested violations. Subsequent violations are subject to higher fines as assessed by the court up to a maximum fine of \$500 plus court costs.

**Variance Rules for Watering New/Replacement Lawns and New Landscape Plants**

Irrigation of new plants, new sod installations, and lawn renovations (sod, plugs, and other turf grass material) with potable (city) water, private well water, and private connections to surface water sources (lakes, ponds, etc.) *requires a variance granted by St. Petersburg's Water Resources Department*. This variance would allow watering of new plant material on any day of the week; however, allowable watering hours are 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**This 30-day watering variance may be obtained by calling 893-7261 and submitting appropriate documentation along with the customer's request. Include your name, address and phone number. Eligibility requirements apply. Only one variance is allowed within a six month period. No extensions will be granted.**



***Dive into Water Wise eSplash!***

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conservation practices and technologies, environmental protection practices, and other timely topics. To subscribe, visit [www.stpete.org/enewsletters](http://www.stpete.org/enewsletters)

***Sensible Sprinkling Program***

***Receive a FREE Sprinkler System Checkup and Rain Sensor Installation!***

Qualified water customers with working in-ground sprinkler systems using potable, reclaimed, or well water can receive a FREE CHECK-UP with site-specific recommendations, a rain sensor installation, water conservation information, and a watering nozzle. Restrictions and specific procedures apply. For an application and guidelines please call 727-551-3177 or email [SensibleSprinkling@stpete.org](mailto:SensibleSprinkling@stpete.org)



Thank you for doing your part to save our valuable water resources. For more information on how we can assist you in conserving water, call the water conservation office at 892-5688 or visit [www.stpete.org/WaterConservation](http://www.stpete.org/WaterConservation)