

Courtesy Communication: Hillsborough County Offers Steps to Conserve Water

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Your Office of Neighborhood Relations is sharing the following information about water conservation with your community. These are simple steps you can take to help conserve water, especially in the middle of the dry season.

Year-round watering restrictions still apply, and residents should be familiar with the schedule:

- Addresses ending in 0, 1, 2, or 3 can water their lawns on Mondays and Thursdays
- Addresses ending in 4, 5, or 6 can water their lawns on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Addresses ending in 7, 8, or 9 can water their lawns on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Common areas with no addresses and locations with multiples addresses, such as office complexes, can water their lawns on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- All watering must be done before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m., and it can be done only once on the designated day
- Watering with reclaimed water is not restricted by day, but must be done before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. on any given day
- Hand-watering and low-volume irrigation of plants may be done on any day and at any time but must not be wasteful

Another step to water conservation is to find and fix easily corrected household water leaks that can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

- Leaks are commonly found in toilets, faucets, water softeners, and irrigation systems.
- To determine if there's a water leak in the home, turn off all appliances that use water, including ice-makers, dishwashers, and irrigation systems. Note or take a photo of the location of the small red sweep hand on the water meter.
- Wait two hours without using any water in the home, including faucets or toilets. View the small red hand on the water meter again. If it has moved, there's possibly a leak in the home or in the irrigation system.
- If you don't know where the leak is, contact a leak detection company. Contact a licensed plumber if you need help fixing it.

Other steps to help conserve water:

- Add a shutoff device to the showerhead to turn it off while lathering
- Turn off the sink while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Install an ultra-low-flow toilet, which uses only 1.6 gallons of water per flush or less
- Reduce shower times by 5 minutes and save 15 to 30 gallons of water
- Run full loads of the dishwasher and washing machines

For more information contact the Hillsborough County Water Conservation team at
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