

City of St. Petersburg
WATERING RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET

Text Revised November 14, 2024

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

Effective October 22, 2024, TWICE A WEEK WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

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 are permitted to irrigate, if necessary, on Tuesday and Saturday only.
- Addresses ending in an odd number and locations with no address are permitted to irrigate, if necessary, on Wednesday and Sunday only.
- Irrigation is allowed from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. or from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited. An example is using water to clean driveways and impervious surfaces.
- Hand watering of non-lawn landscape is allowed any day at any time, if needed. An automatic shutoff device (hose nozzle) must be installed on your hose and used at all times.
- Hand watering of lawn / turf is allowed ONLY during designated watering day and times. A hose nozzle must be installed on the hose and used at all times.
- Micro-irrigation (low-flow or drip irrigation) is allowed any day at any time, if needed. Water wise use is requested.

Allowable Watering Days – Based on Property Address Number							
	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Potable Water		EVEN	ODD			EVEN	ODD
Private Well and Surface Water		EVEN	ODD			EVEN	ODD
Reclaimed Water *VOLUNTARY*		EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD

Users of Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water customers are strongly 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. or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Watering during the heat of the day is inefficient as much of the water used is lost to evaporation and wind drift.

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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*. The new plant material may be watered on any day of the week; however, allowable watering hours are 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Obtain this 30-day variance by calling 727-892-5611 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.

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 \$193 fine, plus court costs. Subsequent violations are subject to higher fines as assessed by the court up to a maximum fine of \$500 plus court costs.

Dive into Water Wise eSplash!



St. Pete's electronic newsletter *Water Wise eSplash* keeps subscribers up-to-date on watering restrictions, water conservation programs, and educational and outreach events. Short articles provide tips on drought tolerant plants, new conservation practices and technologies, and other timely topics. To subscribe, visit www.stpete.org/enewsletters

Sensible Sprinkling Program

The Sensible Sprinkling Program offers a free sprinkler checkup to all city utility customers who have potable, reclaimed, or well water. An irrigation specialist will perform a sprinkler efficiency audit. In addition, a rain sensor is installed and a sprinkler layout drawing is provided that corresponds to the final Irrigation Efficiency Report. Also, educational information will be provided. Email SensibleSprinkling@stpete.org for more information and a fillable application today.

If you have any questions please call 727-892-5611