

# FACT SHEET

## Golf Courses

### *Year-Round Water Conservation Measures*

#### KEY FACTS:

- Some golf courses, especially newer ones, use reclaimed water. In this way, they are conserving higher quality water for public supply and agricultural needs.
- Most golf courses have Water Use Permits; these permits have annual quantities that act as “water budgets” and other stringent water conservation requirements that must be followed at all times.
- Whether or not a Water Use Permit is involved, any non-play area associated with the golf course (such as lawn and landscape for the entrance and clubhouse grounds) must follow the applicable lawn and landscape irrigation schedule (District or local, whichever is more restrictive).

#### WATERING TIMES AND OTHER LIMITATIONS:

- Normal supplemental irrigation may only occur before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- If a golf course is in full compliance with its Water Use Permit, it does not need to also follow the additional watering limitations shown below.
- Either use 100% reclaimed water (no other water source), follow all aspects of the University of Florida's "Best Management Practices for Florida Golf Courses" publication (and be able to produce a copy of it upon request), or comply with the following specific water use limitations:
  - Fairways and driving ranges may be watered no more than two times each week.
  - Tees and greens may be watered no more than three times per week.
  - Spot treatment and syringing to address an isolated hot, dry area is allowed.
  - Irrigation of tees and greens to prevent heat stress or freeze damage is allowed.
  - Irrigation related to overseeding as part of a fall transition program is allowed.
  - New plant establishment, chemical applications, irrigation system maintenance and other special water uses may follow the standard allowances for those specific practices.

#### General Information

Stricter local ordinances may apply, so be sure to also check with your local water utility. If you have any questions about how these year-round water conservation measures apply to your facility, please e-mail [Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org) any time or call 1-800-848-0499 during normal business hours.