

FACT SHEET

Reclaimed Water

Year-Round Water Conservation Measures

Reclaimed water is "recycled" highly treated wastewater effluent from a sewer treatment plant. This increasingly valuable alternative to potable (drinking-quality) water can be used for several purposes, including: lawn and landscape irrigation, golf course and other athletic play area irrigation, agricultural irrigation, wetland restoration, water-to-air cooling/heating systems and some industrial processes.

Here are the applicable year-round water conservation measures:

- Irrigation or other uses of 100% reclaimed water is NOT restricted to certain days or times by the District.
- Irrigation with 100% reclaimed water should be voluntarily conserved, such as not watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to reduce evaporative loss.
- Use of reclaimed water blends (combinations of reclaimed water and some other source, such as a well or a pond) is restricted as if it were non-reclaimed water unless the non-reclaimed water source is one of the following (reference: Section 40D-22.201(3)(h), Florida Administrative Code):
 1. Incidental stormwater runoff that enters a reclaimed water storage pond
 2. Product from a permitted reclaimed water Aquifer Storage and Recovery well
 3. Water regulated by at District-authorized variance covering use of the blend
 4. Water regulated by a Water Use Permit for temporary or seasonal augmentation of the reclaimed water system

General Information

Stricter local ordinances may apply. Some reclaimed water providers have voluntary or mandatory local watering schedules, in order to improve the reliability of their system.

If you have any questions about how these year-round water conservation measures apply to your situation, please e-mail Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.Org or call 1-800-848-0499 during normal business hours.