

Notice of Irrigation Rule Changes

The City of Groveland is amending its landscape irrigation ordinance in accordance with St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board approved amendments to landscape irrigation Rule 40-C-2.042, *Florida Administrative Code* (F.A.C.). The City of Groveland requires everyone to adhere to the rule and asks that everyone do their part to conserve our precious resource. The following is a summary of the new rule requirements that will become effective on March 8, 2009:

During Daylight Saving Time

- No more than two days per week on scheduled days
- Residential irrigation for odd addresses or no addresses is allowed Wednesday and Saturday
- Residential irrigation for even addresses is allowed Thursday and Sunday
- Non-residential irrigation is allowed Tuesday and Friday

During Eastern Standard Time

- No more than one day per week on scheduled days
- Residential irrigation for odd addresses or no addresses is allowed Saturday
- Residential irrigation for even addresses is allowed Sunday
- Non-residential irrigation is allowed Tuesday

Year Round

- Irrigation prohibited between 10 am and 4 pm
- No more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water per zone per irrigation day
- No more than one hour per irrigation zone per irrigation day
- Limited to the amount necessary to meet landscape needs
- Private irrigation wells are not allowed where reclaimed water is available
- Irrigation limitations apply to all irrigation systems regardless of the source of water
- Irrigation limitations apply to all irrigation systems not currently regulated by a consumptive use permit
- Persons irrigating with an automatic lawn irrigation system installed after May 1991 shall install, maintain and operate a rain sensor device or switch which overrides the system when adequate rainfall has occurred

Exceptions to the Rule Restrictions

- Irrigation utilizing micro-spray, micro-jet, drip or bubbler irrigation systems is allowed anytime
- Irrigation of new landscape is allowed at any time of day on any day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the next 30 days for a total of one 60-day period, provided that the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount necessary for such landscape establishment
- Watering in of chemicals, including insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, and herbicides when required by law, the manufacturer, or best management practices is allowed anytime within 24 hours of application. Watering in of chemicals shall not exceed ¼ inch of water per application except as otherwise required by law, the manufacturer, or best management practices
- Irrigation systems may be operated anytime for maintenance and repair purposes not to exceed 10 minutes per hour per zone
- Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed anytime
- Discharge of water from a water-to-air air-conditioning unit or other water-dependent cooling system is not limited
- For users of reclaimed water who do not receive their reclaimed water from the City of Groveland, the use of water from a reclaimed water system is allowed anytime
- The use of recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds for irrigation is allowed anytime provided the ponds are not augmented from any ground or off-site surface water, or public supply sources

For information regarding conservation tips visit our website – www.groveland-fl.gov or the St. Johns River Water Management District website – www.sjrwmd.com.

On behalf of the City of Groveland, I thank you for your continued efforts and cooperation to conserve our precious water resource. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (352) 429- 0227 for a system audit or assistance in adjusting your irrigation system.

Sincerely,



Larry Walker, CPM
Utilities Director