

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

The Lake County Board of County Commissioners has determined that conservation measures should be applied in irrigation of landscaping. In order to accomplish this, Lake County Ordinance Number 2009-17 has been enacted.

Penalties for violating the Landscape Irrigation Schedule

First Violation	Written Warning
Subsequent Violations	Minimum of \$50 for the second violation, doubling for each subsequent violation to a maximum of \$1000 for each violation

Landscape Irrigation Schedules:

Time of year	Home with odd numbered or no addresses	Home with even numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Daylight Savings Time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

**** Please Note: Daylight Savings Time begins on the 2nd Sunday in March and ends on the 1st Sunday in November**

Summary of the Restrictions

- * Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- * Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- * Irrigation is limited to no more than ¾ inch of water per zone per irrigation day.
- * Irrigation is limited to no more than one hour per irrigation zone per irrigation day.
- * Irrigation is limited to only that amount necessary to meet landscape needs.
- When reclaimed water is available for irrigation use, the use of private irrigation wells is not authorized.
- * Irrigation limitations apply to all landscape irrigation not currently regulated by a consumptive use permit. Typically, this includes residential, commercial and industrial establishments.
- * Persons irrigating with an automatic lawn irrigation system installed after May 1991 shall install, maintain and operate a rain sensor device or switch that overrides the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.
- * Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.

Exceptions to the Restrictions

- * Irrigation using a micro-spray, micro-jet, drip or bubbler irrigation system 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 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 may 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 20 minutes per hour per zone.
- * Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with a spray nozzle that can be adjusted so water flows only as needed is allowed anytime.
- * Discharge of water from a water-to-air air-conditioning unit or other water-dependent cooling system is not limited.
- * The use of water from a reclaimed water system is allowed anytime. A reclaimed water system includes systems in which the primary source is reclaimed water, which may or may not be supplemented from another source during peak demand periods. 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.