



City of St. Petersburg WATERING RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET

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

*** IMPORTANT NEWS ***

ONCE A WEEK WATERING RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

Because water resource conditions are below normal, the Southwest Florida Water Management District has declared and intensified Water Shortage Order SWF 25-015.

Modified Order Number SWF 25-015 is effective from February 8 through October 1, 2026, unless extended, modified or rescinded by the SWFWMD prior to that date.

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. All water users should prepare for tightened water use restrictions if abnormally dry conditions continue.

Lawn and Landscape Water Use Rules

Watering with potable (city) water or water from private wells is restricted according to property address number as follows:

- Addresses ending in an even number shall irrigate on **Saturday only**.
- Addresses ending in an odd number and locations with no address shall irrigate on **Sunday only**

Even Number Address	Odd Number or No Address
Saturday ONLY	Sunday ONLY

- Irrigation is allowed from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. **OR** from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Micro-irrigation (low-flow or drip irrigation) is allowed any day, but **ONLY** after 6 p.m. and before 8 a.m.
- Hand watering of non-lawn landscape is allowed any day, but **ONLY** after 6 p.m. and before 8 a.m.
- Hand watering of lawn / turf is allowed **ONLY** during your designated watering day and time slot.

Reclaimed Water Use. The city has enacted dry weather protocols to conserve the city’s supply of reclaimed water. Customers are encouraged to adjust their irrigation timers to only water according to the City’s year-round reclaimed water irrigation schedule of three times a week from 5 to 9 a.m. or 7 to 11 p.m. More information about reclaimed water can be found at stpete.org/Reclaimed.

Additional Water Shortage Requirements

- All wasteful and unnecessary water uses are Prohibited. This includes allowing water to be dispersed without any practical purpose, using water in a grossly inefficient manner, and using water for a purpose that can be readily accomplished by other means.
- Testing of irrigation systems for cleaning and maintenance is limited to 10 minutes per zone, once a week. Repair leaks to avoid wasteful water use.
- An automatic shutoff device (AKA hose nozzle) is required when using a hose for any purpose.
- Car washing at home (non-commercial) is only allowed on your watering day.
- Aesthetic fountain use is limited to four hours a day. Exemptions for koi ponds, small fountains, interactive commercial/institutional recreation areas and other incidental uses.
- Pressure washing in preparation for painting and sealing is allowed.
- Restaurants are required to only serve water upon request.



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Enforcement

St. Petersburg continues to enforce watering restrictions. **NO warnings will be issued. First time violations observed by enforcement personnel will result in the issuance of a citation.** Citation for a Class II municipal ordinance offense 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.

Variance Rules for Watering New/Replacement Lawns and New Landscape Plants

It is highly recommended that new plant and sod installations (sod, plugs, seed, and other turf grass material), and lawn renovations (verticutting, aerification, etc.) be delayed until the start of the summer rainy season (typically in June).

No homeowners association or other entity shall enforce deed restrictions or other community standards requiring an increase in water use, including replacement of plants to meet aesthetic standards.

Watering new plants, sod, etc. with potable (city) water, private well water, or private connections to surface water sources (lakes, ponds, etc.) *requires a variance granted by St. Petersburg's Water Resources Department.* This variance allows watering of new plant material as needed on any day of the week; however, allowable watering hours are 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to 11p.m. ONLY.

This 30-day variance may be obtained by calling 892-5611 and submitting appropriate documentation (contractor's invoice showing materials and work performed or receipt of materials purchased if you did the installation) along with your 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.

Users of Reclaimed Water. Due to continued drought conditions, reclaimed water customers are 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. and/or 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Watering during the heat of the day is inefficient since much of the water is lost to evaporation and wind drift. More information about reclaimed water can be found at www.stpete.org/Reclaimed.

Dive into Water Wise eSplash! St. Pete's electronic newsletter *Water Wise eSplash* keeps subscribers up-to-date on watering restrictions, presentations, water conservation programs, and events. Short articles provide tips on drought tolerant plants, new conservation practices and technologies, environmental protection practices, and other timely topics. You can sign up for this popular e-newsletter at www.stpete.org/enewsletters.

Sensible Sprinkling Program. *Get a FREE Sprinkler System Checkup & Rain Sensor Installation!* Qualified water customers with working in-ground sprinkler systems using potable, reclaimed, or well water can receive a FREE CHECK-UP with site-specific recommendations, a rain sensor installation and conservation information. For an application and guidelines please call 727-892-5611 or email SensibleSprinkling@stpete.org. A downloadable, fillable application is available at www.stpete.org/waterprograms.

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