

**HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**



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so that together we can conserve our most precious of natural resources", said Gary Kuhl, County Administrator. **"In the next few weeks, Hernando County government, particularly Code Enforcement, will be placing more emphasis on educating our citizens about the watering restrictions, so**



Gary Kuhl,
Hernando County Administrator

we want to get the word out that we do have restrictions and they are being enforced."

Hernando County Watering Restrictions:

(Watering is not allowed between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM).

Addresses ending with an **EVEN** number water on Tuesdays and Saturdays only

Addresses ending with an **ODD** number water on Wednesday and Sundays only

Special Note: Wellington, Seven-Hills, Glen Lakes, or Timber Pines residents watering days differ from the rest of the county. Please contact your Homeowners Association to get the exact days that your developments are allowed to water.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REGARDING WATERING RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS:

First notification is a fine of \$25.

Second visit to the same address will be fined \$100.

Third visit to the same address will be fined \$200.

Fourth visit to the same address will be fined \$300.

Fifth visit to the same address will be fined \$500 and requires a mandatory appearance before the Special Magistrate.

Maximum fine for watering in violation of the restrictions is \$15,000.

Violations can be reported to Code Enforcement by calling 352/754-4056 Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



QUICK WATER CONSERVATION TIPS!

Water Conservation Coordinator
Alys Brockway, advised:

“Don’t over water your lawn”

Remember to water only when your landscape needs water, just because it is your day—doesn’t mean you must water. If your grass is wilting, leaf blades folded in half, has a bluish gray cast to it, these are signs your grass needs water. Water thoroughly and then wait until you see these signs again.

**Follow the watering restrictions—
(see reverse side of this sheet)**

Clean driveways, patios and decks with a broom instead of a garden hose.

Consider the use of rain barrels to collect water for use at a later time.

Help us keep the amount of water being used down to only what we really need to use.

On your watering day, check your in-ground sprinkler system for broken heads and pipes, as well as for proper alignment (not spraying onto the driveway or sidewalk)

Consider installing a rain sensor on your in-ground sprinkler system. HCUD currently is running a small rain sensor rebate program—call for more information.

Convert landscape areas to drip irrigation or another low-volume method.

Mulch your landscape beds with 3-4” of mulch. Recycle your yard debris (oak leaves, pine straw, grass clippings) as a mulch.

Water Conservation: Helps to save our precious resource and helps you save MONEY!!



Consider adding more drought tolerant shrubs and trees instead of turfgrass. Once drought tolerant shrubs and trees are established many of them can survive on rainfall only. Landscape beds should be watered separately from your lawn. Lawns generally are the largest users of water.

Leave your lawn at least 3-4” high, when you do mow make sure that the mower blade is sharp and that you only mow 1/3 of a blade of grass each time you cut. Leave the clippings on the lawn, as they break down they will add nitrogen to your grass.

If you have more conservation questions, please call:

Alys Brockway

352-540-4368 X 35139

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/utills/>

If you are further interested in obtaining information on how you can make a difference, we suggest the following web sites:

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/utills/CFW/index.htm>

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/utills/groundwater/index.asp>

