

NEW, TOUGHER WATER RESTRICTIONS
NOW IN EFFECT

Due to the continuing lack of significant rain fall events through the fall and winter months, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) imposed new, more stringent water restrictions throughout South Florida. The new restrictions went into effect January 15, 2008.

If your home address ends in an odd number, you may water on Mondays, either from 4:00 AM to 8:00 AM **OR** from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. If your home address ends in an even number, you may water on Thursdays, either from 4:00 AM to 8:00 AM **OR** from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please note that the new rules prohibit you from watering during both time periods. SFWMD advises that lawn watering/irrigation accounts for up to half of all household water consumption in Florida. It is because of this statistic that SFWMD has imposed such strict regulations on watering your lawn.

However, SFWMD has made exceptions to the rule: If you have newly planted sod or landscaping (in place for less than 30 days), you may water from 2:00 AM to 8:00 AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. No watering is allowed on Fridays. If you have planted sod or landscaping (in place between 31 and 60 days), you may water from 2:00 AM to 8:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Once again, this timeframe relates only to newly planted landscaping. SFWMD advises that you should keep the receipts for the plant purchases as proof of date purchased should you need the documentation.

At this phase of the water rationing, there is no restriction on washing your cars. You must, however, use an automatic shut-off nozzle on the hose and SFWMD asks that you please park the car or truck on a non-paved area so that the water is absorbed into the soil. There is also no restriction on the use of pressure washers. The SFWMD asks that you use low-volume equipment, with a water pressure rating of 1,000 to 4,000 psi.

It is important that each homeowner be a responsible resident and adheres to these regulations. Water levels continue to drop and it is many months before our rainy season begins again. The Village's Code Enforcement and Police Department personnel will be citing residents who violate the water restrictions put in place by the Water Management District. For more information, you may visit their website at www.sfwmd.gov or call the SFWMD Miami-Dade Service Center at 305-377-7274.

Thank you for your cooperation.