

# Reclaimed Water

## "The Conservation Alternative"

### What is reclaimed water?

Reclaimed water is domestic wastewater which has been treated and disinfected to a high degree such that it can be safely used to irrigate golf courses and residential lawns. Reclaimed water must meet strict water quality requirements established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Although reclaimed water meets most of the drinking water standards and is safe for human contact, it is not intended for use as drinking water.

### Why use reclaimed water?

Using reclaimed water conserves drinking water supplies and with proper irrigation techniques, can actually help recharge the water aquifers with water that would otherwise be wasted.

### What can you do with reclaimed water?



- Irrigate your lawn.
- Irrigate flower gardens.
- Irrigate trees and shrubs.
- Contains nutrient - therefore requires less fertilizer.

#### Additional Uses:

- Wash your car.
- Wash your boat.
- Pressure wash house & drives.

These additional uses require special connections. For more information call 407.971.5693.

**Reclaimed Water  
Makes Cents**



**Reduces Fertilization  
and saves  
Florida's aquifers!**



### What you can't do with reclaimed water?

- DO NOT DRINK** reclaimed water.
- Do not connect your reclaimed water pipes to any house plumbing.
- The use of reclaimed water is not for filling swimming pools, hot tubs, or wading pools.
- No precautions are required when watering edible crops with drip irrigation systems. However, watering food crops with spray type irrigation systems require precautionary peeling, skinning, cooking or thermally processing food before consuming.



**Your reclaimed water system will be periodically inspected by the City of Oviedo. Improper use of reclaimed water may result in termination of your service and/or other penalties.**

The City of  
**Oviedo**  
FLORIDA

## Infrastructure is in for...

**Chapman Oaks, Chapman Groves, Chapman Cove, Kingsbridge East and Lake Rogers. Reclaimed water main pipes are in place and they are just waiting for the reclaimed water to be turned on.**

## Infrastructure construction is in motion for...

**Kingsbridge West. Additional services still to be installed.**

## Reclaimed infrastructure plans are in motion for...

**Manigan Avenue and Henson Court sections of Alafaya Woods, Big Oaks, and River Crossing at Twin Rivers.**

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## Water Efficiently

Typically, at least 50% of water used by households is used outdoors. Efficient watering will not only help you save money and conserve water, but can also create a healthier landscape. Follow these tips to save water and money:

- 🌸 **Water your lawn and plants only when you know they need it or show signs of stress. Summer: Water 2 times/week @ up to 30 minutes per zone. Winter: Water 1 time/week @ up to 20 minutes per zone.**
- 🌸 **Use a rain gauge or moisture sensor so you will know if rainfall has done the job.**
- 🌸 **Install a drip or micro-spray system in your plant beds. They use water more efficiently than traditional spray heads.**
- 🌸 **Install an automatic rain shutoff device to avoid watering when it's raining.**
- 🌸 **Stop overwatering! Overwatered grass has short roots that make it harder to survive pest attacks, disease and drought.**
- 🌸 **Collect water in a rain barrel to use to water your plants.**

The University of Florida established nine Florida-friendly landscaping principles to guide Florida Yards & Neighborhoods programs offered through county Extension Service offices. This card features one principle. For additional cards or for more information about Florida-friendly and water-efficient landscaping, look under your county's telephone book listing for your Extension Service office or visit [www.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/](http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/).