

# CITY OF OVIEDO

## IRRIGATION SCHEDULES

The City of Oviedo maintains two (2) irrigation schedules; 1) a potable water irrigation schedule and 2) a reclaimed water irrigation schedule in accordance with the State water use Rule 40C-2.042.

### THE ST. JOHNS WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IRRIGATION RULE

The Water Management District's restrictions allow a maximum of twice weekly irrigation, except in the winter season, from potable water sources. During Eastern Standard Time (winter) irrigation is further reduced to once per week. Plants are typically dormant and overwatered in the winter season. The rule was implemented as the Floridan aquifer, Central Florida's primary source of drinking water, is becoming stressed from over pumping. It is estimated that up to 60% of the Central Florida drinking water supply is lost to irrigation. The rule applies to private wells, lakes and public water systems such as the City potable water system serving Oviedo's residences. The rule does not apply to reclaimed water. *(For more information, visit the SJRWMD web site.)*



### POTABLE WATER LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

The City of Oviedo enacted a potable water irrigation ordinance consistent with the St. Johns River Water Management District rules to help protect our community drinking water supply. Citizen can help by following these simple rules and schedule:

- Water only on scheduled days and when needed.
- Use a rain sensor and **DON'T** water between 10:00AM and 4:00PM

#### EXCEPTIONS

- Micro, Drip and hand watering are exempted from rule.
- Special watering allowances for fertilization, chemical application and new plantings.



<b>Potable Water Irrigation Schedule (includes: private ponds and well sources)</b>			
Season	Homes with odd number or no address	Homes with even number addresses	Nonresidential Properties
<b>Summer</b> Daylight Savings Time	<i>Wednesday &amp; Saturday</i>	<i>Thursday &amp; Sunday</i>	<i>Tuesday &amp; Friday</i>
<b>Winter</b> Eastern Standard Time	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>

### RECLAIMED WATER LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

Reclaimed water used for irrigation saves groundwater and is a benefit to the residential community it serves. The City of Oviedo reclaimed irrigation schedule is developed to maximize this alternative resource. The use of reclaimed water for irrigation is not restricted by St. Johns River Water Management District rule. Reclaimed water is a sustainable resource because it comes from recycled wastewater, not the drinking water aquifer. Reclaimed irrigation water is ideal for yards as it contains nutrients for plants, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, which are stripped from potable water. Using reclaimed water irrigation is environmentally beneficial, not only creating a greener yard, but helping sustain aquifer reservoirs.



<b>Reclaimed Water Irrigation Schedule (All City Reclaimed Water Customers)</b>			
Season	Homes with odd number or no address	Homes with even number addresses	Nonresidential Properties
<b>All Year</b> <i>( Effective Jan 2010 )</i>	<i>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Saturday</i>	<i>Tuesday, Thursday &amp; Sunday</i>	<i>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday</i>

Do not water 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Residential reclaimed system maintenance is allowed on Fridays.

# NATURALLY, FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPES ARE DROUGHT TOLERANT.

Horticulturalists proclaim the right plants and right irrigation are essential to a beautiful yard. For tips and more information on “Water-wise Florida Landscapes,” visit the District web site @ <http://sjr.state.fl.us/waterwiselandscapes/sevenprinciples.html>. The web site lists simple irrigation improvements, Florida-friendly plants and grass alternatives that can beautify a home, as well as, save water and reduce landscape upkeep.

## FLORIDA-FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES

**MICRO OR DRIP IRRIGATION** in flower beds and shrubbery zones provide efficient irrigation delivery with substantially less water. These ultra low water irrigation zones provide water to the plant root only. Without irrigation overspray, water and weeds are reduced. Micro and drip irrigation zones and hand watering is exempt from the SJRWMD irrigation rule. Systems can be installed professionally or by a do-it-yourself homeowner. Local home improvement and irrigation supply stores stock micro and drip irrigation supplies.



**FLORIDA-FRIENDLY PLANTS** can improve the esthetic beauty of a home. Native plants are typically more drought tolerant and require less fertilization and insecticide. There are many native evergreen and flowering plant alternatives. Consult your local native plant nursery to obtain the right plant and application option for your yard.



*Zamia pumila*:  
Commonly known as  
**Coontie Palm**



*Hamelia patens*:  
Commonly known as  
**Firebush**



*Viburnum obovatum*:  
Commonly known as  
**Walters Viburnum**



*Arachis glabrata*  
Commonly known as  
**Perennial Peanut**

**FLORIDA-FRIENDLY GRASS** can reduce irrigation water, fertilization, insecticides and maintenance. An alternative to water intensive St. AUGUSTINE is EMPIRE Zoysia grass. EMPIRE Zoysia is similar to St. AUGUSTINE, but requires about half the water with efficient irrigation and has better drought tolerance. Bahia grass is another alternative.



## **CREATE LANDSCAPE ZONES**

Save irrigation water. The City of Oviedo’s new water-wise Land Development Code requires landscape to be developed into water efficient plant zones. The plants and irrigation heads in each zone are matched to reduce irrigation water by 50% or more by efficiently distributing water to plants within each zone. Existing homes can redevelop vegetation and irrigation landscape zones to reduce irrigation water waste. The City’s Water stewardship program, **H2OVIDEO Conservation Incentive** consistently shows a 40% water savings when Florida-friendly renovations are completed by homeowners. Yard renovations can be done by professional landscapers or do-it-yourselfers.

