



January 6, 2014

Subject: Reclaimed Water Service Notice

Dear Resident of Alafaya Woods Sec 17 & 18,

Reclaimed water mains have been installed and activated for your use effective January 6, 2014. The City is pleased to offer this environmentally beneficial reclaimed water as an alternative to potable water use in your yard. The Contractor, Breen Construction, has successfully installed a purple meter in a purple box in the right-of-way of your home. Reclaimed water is highly treated and chlorinated wastewater specifically designed for yard irrigation.

Why use reclaimed irrigation? Simple, reclaimed water saves! Reclaimed water has natural nutrients that reduce the need for lawn fertilization. Reclaimed water rates are more economical than potable water rates. Reclaimed water also helps maintain a sustainable water supply by reducing groundwater withdrawal from Florida's aquifer. Under the City of Oviedo code, reclaimed water may also be used three days per week for irrigation, whereas potable irrigation is restricted by the St. Johns River Water Management District to two days/week in the summer and once/week in the winter.

The City of Oviedo has eliminated the meter charge for those new reclaimed services in the retrofit areas. This is a **\$200.00 savings** which will help off-set any irrigation system modification cost. **Connecting to reclaimed irrigation is easy as 1, 2, 3...**

- 1) Fill out the attached Reclaimed activation request and drop it by the City's Utility Billing Office (Additional forms are available @ www.cityofoviedo.net)**
- 2) Disconnect your irrigation system from the potable water supply or hire a plumber to convert your system to the reclaimed water supply, leaving the irrigation pipes exposed for inspection.**
- 3) Call for a backflow inspection as required by the Reclaimed Water Connection Inspection Procedure included with this letter. The telephone number is 407-971-5693. (Please note, inspections are free and required for activation.)**

Everyone benefits from reduced potable water demand when reclaimed water is used for irrigation. **Therefore, all services in the designated reclaimed water zone will be billed a reclaimed availability base fee pursuant to City of Oviedo Ordinance No. 1453 if they do not connect within 6 months.**

Additional information is available at [www/cityofoviedo.net](http://www.cityofoviedo.net). If you have any reclaimed irrigation questions or cannot find your reclaimed meter, please contact Jay Stainer, Water Conservation Coordinator, at 407.971.5691.

Sincerely,

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Utility Manager