

# Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

## July 1, 2010

### Dear Residents,

In a follow up to my June 29 Sugarmill Woods Bulletin, we have confirmed that Citrus County Water Resources have adopted the new Southwest Florida Water Management District's twice-per-week, year-round water conservation measures in their entirety starting July 1. An informational flyer addressing the new watering conservation measures is being mailed to all users with this month's Utility Bill.

Now is a great time of the year to upgrade and make improvements to your lawns and landscaping. We are getting rainfall almost every day and sometimes several times a day. Take advantage of the frequent rainy days to make those changes in landscaping that you have always wanted to make. At the same time don't hesitate to turn off your irrigation system and save some money as long as the rain continues.

Twice-per-week watering allows residents the additional flexibility for determining when and how much to water. Residents are encouraged to water only if their lawn and landscape needs it and turn off their irrigation system if it has rained or rain is predicted in the next 24 hours. Some of the signs that a lawn needs water include a blue-gray appearance, blades folded in half lengthwise and footprints remaining on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

The following is a recap of the new Water Conservation Measures implemented within the Southwest Florida Water Management District including all of Citrus County.

## **SWFWMD and Citrus County Year-Round Water Conservation Measures**

### **Effective Date and Areas**

- The District's year-round water conservation measures go back into effect July 1, 2010 except where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments. Always refer to your local government or utility restrictions.
- Restrictions apply to all of Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, and Sumter counties; and portions of Lake and Levy counties.
- Unincorporated Pasco County and unincorporated Sarasota County have local ordinances and are expected to remain on one-day-per-week restrictions.
- The City of Ocala and unincorporated Marion County will continue to follow the St. Johns River Water Management District's water restrictions; however, the City of Dunnellon and The Villages remain under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's water restrictions.

### **Lawn Watering Schedule and Times**

- Lawn watering is limited to twice per week.
- Unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect,
  - **Even Addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 AM or after 4 PM**
  - **Odd Addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 AM or after 4 PM**

### **Landscape Watering Schedule and Times**

- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

### **New Lawns and Plants**

- New lawns and plants have a 30-30 establishment period, which allows any-day watering during the first 30 days.

- During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

**Reclaimed Water**

- Reclaimed water remains subject to voluntary watering hours, unless blended with another water source or restricted by the local government or utility.

**Fountain Operation, Car Washing and Pressure Washing**

- There are no restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing.
- However, the District asks that residents be as efficient as possible, such as using a shut-off nozzle on their hose, so water isn't wasted.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA