

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

November 25, 2011

Dear Residents,

In case you may think the County is not checking for Irrigation Restrictions violations, **THINK AGAIN**. We have some eye opening statistics that we just received from Citrus County Utilities.

During the period from **October 1 through November 23, 2011 (a period of just 54 days)**, Citrus County Utilities issued **242 Citation Warnings and Violations** to residents of the Sugarmill Woods Community for violations of the Citrus County Irrigation Restrictions. The chart below is a summary of the data.

Sugarmill Woods Community Irrigation Restrictions – Warnings and Violations

Citation Warnings & Violations October 1 through November 23, 2011	Cypress Village	Oak Village	Southern Woods
Citation Warnings	124	65	3
First Violation (\$100 Fine)	24	15	0
Second Violation (\$250 Fine)	6	5	0
Third and all subsequent Violations (\$500 Fine)	0	0	0
TOTAL	154	85	3

There were 192 Citation Warnings. The good news it was only a warning which resulted in no fine. The bad news is that starting January 1, 2012, there will be no more warnings. If a property owner is cited for violating the Irrigation Restrictions after January 1, 2012, it will result in an automatic First Violation Fine of \$100. The second occurrence will result in a \$250 Fine and the third and all subsequent violations will result in \$500 Fines for each occurrence.

While 192 Citation Warnings represents only 4% of the property owners, having that number cited in just 54 days is significant. If that rate continued for a year, it would result in 25% of the property owners potentially being cited which is a major problem for the community. The worst part is there were 39 repeat offenders in the same period and 11 of those property owners violated the Irrigation Restrictions a third time in that same 54 days.

To put this in perspective let's assume if the same scenario were to occur in 2012. The 242 violations in 2011 resulted in \$6,650 in fines for those violating the restrictions. In 2012, this same scenario for the same 242 violations will result in fines of \$34,450. That is a lot of money just for fines for not adhering to the Irrigation Restrictions. Please follow the day and time restrictions for irrigation. We will all benefit.

For those residents following the rules, thank you. If you see a neighbor or friend not following the rules, please be a friend and give them a copy of this bulletin. It could save them a lot of money eliminating potential fines. The following link http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us/waterres/watering_restrictions.htm will tell you everything you need to know relative to the days and times allowed for irrigation and who to call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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