



WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

In order to use water efficiently during the peak summer usage months of May - September, the City of Spring Hill implements a Water Conservation Policy. This policy establishes an alternate-day outdoor watering schedule for customers of the Spring Hill Water System.

THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Addresses ending with an **ODD** number can water their lawns and irrigate outdoors on **SATURDAYS • MONDAYS • WEDNESDAYS**

Addresses ending with an **EVEN** number can water their lawns and irrigate outdoors on **SUNDAYS • TUESDAYS • THURSDAYS**

FRIDAY IS A NON-WATERING/IRRIGATING DAY, which will allow the water system to refill city reservoirs.

This schedule is in effect during the months of **May, June, July, August** and **September**, and unless drought conditions exist which could extend into other months.

It is recommended, although not mandatory, that outdoor watering take place between the hours of **4 a.m. - 10 a.m.** and **8 p.m. - 2 a.m.** Watering during the hottest hours of the day actually wastes water through evaporation and does not allow adequate soil and root absorption compared to watering during the cooler hours of the day.

Failure to follow the policy could ultimately lead to discontinuation of your water service. Property owners will first receive a warning; a second instance of non-compliance will result in a notice of violation. Upon the third instance, water service will be shut off and reconnection fees will be required for continuation of service.

Exceptions to the Policy

- Outdoor potted plants and hanging baskets can be watered any time.
- Newly planted sod is exempt, as are plants growing inside greenhouses, including commercial greenhouses. Newly sodded lawns require daily, and often multiple, water for the sod to take root and the lawn to be established. Seeded lawns, however, are not exempt from the policy, as they generally only require watering three times a week.
- Newly planted landscaping may require once daily watering for a few days or weeks. Water customers are encouraged to establish their lawns and plant new landscaping in the spring or fall so that such an exemption is not needed.
- Cars and other vehicles may be washed, but water conservation measures should be observed, such as not allowing the water to run continuously during vehicle washings.
- Publicly-owned park facilities and playing fields are also exempt from the water conservation policy. Failure to maintain these fields by the Parks and Recreation Department would result in damage to the playing fields.
- Pressure washing and swimming pool filling is not restricted by this policy at this time. However, the City of Spring Hill Water Department encourages everyone to utilize water conservation measures.

If this Water Conservation Policy fails to provide adequate reduction of peak day demands, it may be revised to limit other non-essential outdoor water uses. **Please note:** water wasting in the course of any water use activity will be in violation of the City's Water Conservation Policy. Also note that if the City's water supply were to dip below the emergency level, a City-wide watering/irrigation/outdoor water usage ban could be implemented.