



Outdoor Water Conservation

More than 50 percent of residential water use occurs outdoors. [According to the St. Johns River Water Management District.] Using water efficiently promotes healthy lawns and landscapes, as well as preserves our precious water resources.

Winter Park water utility serves customers in a 22-square mile area. [This includes the city limits as well as portions of unincorporated Orange County.]

In 2015, over 3.6 billion gallons of treated drinking water was distributed throughout the system, and more that 664 million gallons of highly-treated water was sprayed on yards and landscaping.

Approximately 10 million gallons of water each day is produced by the Winter Park water utility.

There are more than 54,000 community public water systems in the United States producing 38 billion gallons of water each day.

Irrigation information

The St Johns River Water Management District policy

Daylight Savings Time

- 2nd Sunday in March thru 1st Sunday in November
- Odd-numbered houses » Wednesday & Saturday
- Even-numbered houses » Thursday & Sunday
- Alternate water sources are subject to these restrictions.

Eastern Standard Time

- 1st Sunday in November thru 2nd Sunday in March
- Odd-numbered houses water Saturday only
- Even-numbered houses water Sunday only
- Non-residential water Tuesday only

Irrigation rules

- Only water before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.
- Water no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ " and one hour per zone, per irrigation day, as well as only the amount necessary to meet landscape needs. »»

- 💧 If reclaimed water is available, private irrigation wells are not authorized to be used.
 - » Applies to water withdrawn from the ground or surface water, a private well or pump, public or private utility, as well as all landscape irrigation not currently regulated by a consumptive use permit. [Includes residential, commercial and industrial establishments.]
- 💧 Automatic lawn irrigation systems installed after May 1991 are required to have a rain sensor device or switch installed to override the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

Yard tips

- 💧 Raise mower deck to the recommended level for your type of grass and/or adjust to a higher setting and keep blades sharp. [Longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.]
- 💧 Leave grass clippings on the lawn to decompose and return nutrients to the soil.
- 💧 Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation. [Saves hundreds of gallons of water a year.]
- 💧 Use a broom or blower to clean off your driveway or sidewalk. [Saves 80 gallons of water each time.]
- 💧 Check sprinkler system frequently and adjust so only your lawn is watered. [Avoid watering the house, sidewalk or street.]
- 💧 Avoid watering on windy days.
- 💧 Only install trickling or cascading fountains as they spray much less water into the air.
- 💧 Collect rain water in a rain barrel. [Helps cover a portion of your landscape irrigation needs each year.]
- 💧 Plant drought-resistant plants and group those together that have the same watering needs.
- 💧 Direct downspouts and other runoff towards shrubs and trees.
- 💧 Wash your car on the grass and water your lawn at the same time.