



City of Clermont

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Current Water Shortage Warning

CLERMONT (May 16, 2017) – The St. Johns River Water Management District is encouraging HOAs and residents to use water wisely during the current water shortage warning. On May 16, the district sent the letter below to HOAs within its jurisdiction.

On May 9, the St. Johns River Water Management District expanded a Water Shortage Warning for its 18-county service area due to below-average rainfall. The order includes all of Brevard, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Nassau, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia counties, and parts of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange and Osceola counties.

The objective of the Water Shortage Warning Order is to reduce water use and increase awareness of the need for water conservation. Although conditions have not yet reached a point where there is an expectation of insufficient water to meet anticipated demand and protect water resources, current conditions do warrant heightened water conservation.

For many residential water users, the greatest water savings can be realized outdoors, where more than half of residential water is used on lawns and landscapes.

Understanding that many Homeowner Associations and residents address irrigation and landscaping via their Deed Restrictions and Covenants, we are asking for your support to promote water conservation with specific attention to how water is used outdoors.

As we prepare for the potential of prolonged drought, there are many actions that can help ensure the most efficient use of water, thus extending our potable water supply, until summer rains return.

- Postpone any recommendations to sod or re-sod landscapes, as new sod requires increased irrigation for successful establishment.
- Postpone any recommendations for extensive pressure-washing projects, which use significant amounts of water.
- Please help us ensure residents are aware of watering restrictions. Year-round watering restrictions are in place to ensure that water used for irrigation is used efficiently, and specifies the days and hours to water lawns. Current irrigation restrictions are between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. and the designated watering days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address. Printable materials and information about watering restrictions are available online at www.sjrwmd.com/waterconservation.

Water conservation is the cornerstone of Florida's water sustainability -- the district believes that conservation is a critical strategy in meeting the current and future water supply needs of our state. If you would like to schedule a water conservation presentation for your group, please contact Jennifer Mitchell, Public Communication Coordinator, at 904-730-6283 or jmitchell@sjrwmd.com.

About the City of Clermont. Clermont, Fla., is known as the "Choice of Champions®" due to its reputation as an international training ground for Olympians and elite athletes in addition to the community's celebration of the spirit of champions. Clermont has a population of about 32,400 and is the largest city in Lake County. The picturesque city is known for its rolling hills and pristine lakes. Founded in 1884, the vision from the beginning has been a model city with unrivaled quality of life. The city is about 20 miles west of Orlando and major theme parks. The Clermont Performing Arts Center includes the 1,200-seat Main Stage and 250-seat Black Box Theater. More about the Center at www.ClermontPAC.com.