

## Variance from Specific Day of the Week Watering

A variance may be granted if:

- Strict application of schedule would lead to unreasonable or unfair results, provided that the applicant demonstrates that the schedule will cause substantial economic, health, or other hardship.
- Contiguous properties are divided into different zones, it may be granted so that zones are watered on different days. However, no single zone may be irrigated more than two days per week.

## Reclaimed Water, Private Wells, & Automatic Systems

- Private wells are not permitted for landscape irrigation if reclaimed water is available.
- Reclaimed water may be used to water edible fruits and vegetables that will be peeled, skinned, or thermally processed.
- Indirect application of reclaimed water, such as through drip irrigation where no contact to fruit is made is also acceptable.
- Automatic irrigation systems installed after 1991 must include a functional rain sensor device or switch to override the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

## Duval County Extension Office

For Class Information

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# Duval County Irrigation Ordinance



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## The Duval County Irrigation Ordinance Applies to...

Landscape irrigation whether it comes from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump, or from a public or private utility.

## Landscape Irrigation Schedule



### Daylight Savings Time

(Second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November)

- No more than 3/4 inch of water or one hour per zone per irrigation day.
- Do not water between 10 am & 4 pm.
- Odd # addresses, those ending with N-Z or no address - Wednesday & Saturday.
- Even # addresses or those ending with A-M — Thursday & Sunday.
- Non-residential - Tuesday & Friday.

### Eastern Standard Time

(First Sunday in November to the second Sunday in March)

- No more than 3/4 inch of water or one hour per zone per irrigation day.
- Do not water between 10 am & 4 pm.
- Odd # houses or no address - Saturday.
- Even # houses - Sunday.
- Non-residential - Tuesday.

## Exceptions to Schedule

- The use of micro-irrigation is allowed at any time provided water use is limited to only what is needed.
- Irrigation for new landscapes is allowed at any time of the day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the following 30 days for a total of 60 days.
- Watering in of chemicals, including insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, etc. is allowed within 24 hours of the application and cannot exceed 1/4 inch of water or the limit allowed on the label.
- Irrigation systems may run at any time during the day for maintenance and repair up to 20 minutes per hour per zone.
- Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed any time.
- Discharge of water from a water-to-air air conditioning unit or other water dependent cooling system is not limited.
- The use of water from a reclaimed system, which may be supplemented from other sources during peak times, is allowed any day of the week except between 10 am and 4 pm.

## Exceptions to Schedule, *continued*

- Recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds for irrigation is allowed any day of the week, but not between 10 am and 4 pm, provided the ponds are not augmented from any ground or off-site surface water or public supply source.

## Penalties & Enforcement

- First Violation—Written warning
- Second Violation—\$50.00 ticket
- Third Violation—\$250.00 ticket
- Each day is considered a separate violation.
- May be enforced by the City of Jacksonville's Regulatory Compliance Department, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and any other law enforcement officer of the state.

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