

SAVE WATER! SAVE MONEY!

Low Flow Toilet Replacement Program

Hernando County Utilities Department's Water Conservation Division, is offering up to a \$200 (\$100 per toilet) water bill credit for customer to replace high gallon per flush (gpf) toilets with a new water saving toilet 1.6 gpf toilet. To qualify for this rebate program your home must be older than 1994 and currently have a 3.5gpf-7gpf toilet; the new toilet(s) must be installed by one the participating plumbers—call (352) 754-4705 for that list (or go to <http://www.hernandocounty.us/utills/PDF/conservation/save%20money.pdf>)

Rain Sensor Rebate Program

Outdoor water use accounts for half or MORE of the water a household uses. We are offering a \$50 water bill credit for customers who add a rain sensor to their irrigation system. This rebate is only for customers who do not currently have a rain sensor. To qualify your home and irrigation system must be older than 2001 and irrigate your lawn with water provided by HCUD. You must have the rain sensor installed by one the participating irrigation contractors. (See the information listed above for contact # and website.)



HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Hernando County Utilities Department
Customer Service
(352) 754-4037
<http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/utills>

Water Conservation Division
(352) 754-4705

Hernando County Code Enforcement
(352) 796-5062
<http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/code/>

Hernando County Extension Service
(352) 754-4433
<http://extension.hernandocounty.us/>

Hernando County Solid Waste & Recycling
(NW Landfill) (352) 754-4112
http://www.hernandocounty.us/utills/SolidWaste_Recycling/index.asp

Southwest Florida Water Management District:
(800) 848-0499 (FL only)
<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/>



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Depends
On You!*

HERNANDO COUNTY

Watering Restrictions

May-Nov.

[HTTP://WWW.CO.HERNANDO.FL.US/UTILLS/](http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/utills/)

WATERING RESTRICTIONS CHANGED FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD!

The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners lifted the one day per week watering restrictions for 6 months (May-Nov.).

Here are the current watering restrictions:
Water before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.

- Even Address: May water on Thursday &/or Sunday
- Odd Address: May water on Wednesday &/or Saturday

Location without an address (such as common areas, rights-of-way) water Tuesday &/or Friday

Help Save the Water Resource and Save Your Money by using only one day (of the 2 allowed) to run your irrigation system.



***If you live in Timber Pines, specific locations in Glen Lakes, Heather, Silverthorn and Wellington, check with your property management company or HOA for your watering restriction schedule.*

TOP FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING TIPS!

Research before you plant: When the time comes to change out those shriveled flowers and the remnants of your lawn, take the time to get good information regarding replacement plants. Getting the facts and information about plant's growing conditions, mature size and cold tolerance will pay off in a healthy landscape that will be well suited for your site. For more information:
<http://www.floridayards.org/>

Think twice before you fertilize: When fertilizer is needed and applied correctly, the lawn and plants absorb the nitrogen. However, fertilizers applied improperly can run off lawns and into local water bodies, harming water quality and threatening plants, animals and our clean drinking water. For more information:
<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/yards/fertilizing/>

Practice IPM: Integrated Pest Management, is a well rounded approach to managing pests in the landscape. Instead of reaching for a bottle of spray as your first approach to insects, contact the FFI program to learn how irrigation, fertilization, pest and weed control are all related. Sometimes reducing a landscape problem can be as simple as changing your landscape maintenance methods! For more information: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>

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If it rains you may not need to irrigate your yard. Lawns generally need ½” to ¾” water a week during the growing season.

Look for these signs to know if your lawn may need water!

- **Folded Leaf Blades.** Grass blades will curl lengthwise. You will notice this mostly in the older grass.
- **Blue-Gray Color.** Lawn will turn from green to blue-gray.
- **Footprints.** Footprints remain visible on your lawn long after being made.

*Water Is
Worth Saving!*

**CONSERVE
WATER!** 

TIPS FOR WATERING NEW SOD!

- Day 1-10: Water 2-3 times a day for 5-10 minutes (less if it rains).
- Day 11-20: Water once a day applying about ¼” of water.
- Day 21-30: Water every other day, applying about ½” of water.
- Day 31-60: If your turf has rooted (try pulling on a piece of the sod-if it has some resistance it has begun to take root). Water ½” to ¾” but only every other day.
- If your address ends with an even number you may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
- If your address ends with an odd number you may water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. On day 61 after the new sod is planted you will be under the current watering restriction schedule.

