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Pasco County residents urged to conserve water

~~Following landscaping watering schedule will extend water supply~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- All Pasco County residents and homeowner associations are being encouraged to conserve water, when possible, and to follow watering guidelines. Pasco County is under a [Phase I Water Shortage Declaration](#) as the Central Florida region continues to experience extremely dry conditions.

[Pasco County Utilities](#) is managing a critically low reclaimed water supply during these drought conditions and is urging residents to run sprinklers only when the landscape shows [signs of needing water](#). If the irrigation system is equipped with a roof-mounted rain shut-off device, be sure it is turned on and [check for proper operation](#).

For helpful tips on efficient landscape irrigation, please visit bitly.com/pascolawn.

Pasco County allows residents to water lawns no more than twice a week:

- ✓ **Twice a week** watering is best for turf grass
- ✓ Allows **root system to extend deeper** into the soil, making the grass drought-tolerant
- ✓ **More is not better**
- ✓ Sticking to the allowed watering schedule will help **extend current supply** through the dry season and allow residents and businesses to maintain their landscaping

Reclaimed water customers may irrigate their lawn and landscape twice a week. However, all other water resources are restricted to once per week.

In Pasco County, regardless of the irrigation water source, **all watering is prohibited between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.** Watering during the early morning or late evening hours, when temperatures and wind speed are lowest, helps minimize water losses from evaporation and wind-drift. To determine your allowed watering day(s), please visit bitly.com/PascoWatering and select your water source – potable, reclaimed, or well.

All citizens are encouraged to help conserve the community's water resources. For more information, please contact Pasco County Utilities Customer Information & Services at 813.235.6012.

