



## About Bonita Springs Water Conservation Ordinance 21- 07

The City of Bonita Springs supplements the provisions of Chapter 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code, as follows: Landscape irrigation shall be prohibited daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Watering Options, Landscape Irrigation

Users may irrigate only two days as specified.

#### When can I water the lawn in Bonita Springs?

- **Odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Wednesdays and Saturdays only, midnight until 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. until midnight.**
- **Even-numbered** street address **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays and Sundays only, midnight until 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. until midnight.**

#### When can I water my newly planted landscaping and sod?

On the day of installation without regard to the listed day or time. Irrigation of the sod immediately prior to installation without regard to the listed day or time.

**1 to 30 days:** On any day of the week except Friday.

**31 to 90 days:** On any day of the week except Tuesday, Friday or Sunday.

Irrigation of new landscaping is limited to areas only containing the new landscaping.

An entire zone of an irrigation system shall only be utilized for landscape irrigation under this Subsection if the zone contains at least 50% new landscaping.

If a zone contains less than 50% new landscaping, or if the new landscaping is in an area that will not typically be irrigated by an irrigation system, only the individual new plantings are eligible for additional irrigation.

Targeted watering may be accomplished by low volume hand watering or any appropriate method which isolates and waters only the new landscaping.

*These rules permit new landscape watering only. Homeowners should keep documentation on any new landscaping, such as a dated receipt of purchase, in case they are required to provide proof of the installation date.*

**Any plant material may be watered using low volume irrigation, as defined in Section 3(11), micro-irrigation, as defined in Section 3(12), low volume hand watering method, rain barrels, cisterns, or other similar rain-harvesting devices without regard to the watering days or times allowed pursuant to this Section.**

**When can I wash my car or boat?**

Vehicle washing is not restricted. When washing a car, best water conservation practices are to park it over a non-paved or porous surface to limit water runoff, and always attach an automatic shut-off nozzle to your hose. Best water conservation practices are to limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in saltwater.

**When can I use a pressure washer?**

Pressure washing is not restricted. Best water conservation practices are to use low-volume equipment that produces water pressure of 1,000 pounds per square inch to 4,000 pounds per square inch. Channel runoff water onto the grass or another non-paved surface.

**Is there some way I can get permission to change my watering day or times?**

Yes. You may apply for a variance from water restrictions by contacting South Florida Water Management District. However, you must demonstrate a hardship in complying with the restrictions and certify that you will implement an alternative method for achieving the target cutbacks. The application form, and the instruction form is online. Your application will be reviewed by South Florida Water Management District staff, and approval or denial is based on criteria listed in the [Water Shortage Plan Rule](#). For more information, visit [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov) or call (800) 432-2045.



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