

## Variance from Specific Day of the Week Watering

The Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board may grant a variance from the required irrigation schedule 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 may be divided into different zones. A variance may be granted so that zones are watered on different days. However, no single zone may be irrigated more than two days per week.

More information and forms for variances may be found at [jacksonville.gov/epb](http://jacksonville.gov/epb).

## Penalties and 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 Neighborhoods Department — Environmental Quality Division, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and any other law enforcement officer of the state.



## The Duval County Extension Office is Available to Help

The Duval County Extension Office, which is associated with the University of Florida, is ready to assist homeowners with questions and concerns about Florida friendly yards and landscapes.

**Duval County Extension Office**  
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[sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu)

# DUVAL COUNTY IRRIGATION ORDINANCE

**Ordinance Code**  
**Chapter 366 – Part 5**  
**Effective July 2008**

## A Guide for Homeowners Conserving Duval County's Water Supply

St. Johns River Water Management District  
(SJRWMD) watering restrictions  
[sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions](http://sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions)

*The Duval County Irrigation Ordinance (Chapter 366 - Part 5) applies to landscape irrigation whether it comes from ground or surface water, private well or pump, or public or private utility.*



**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**  
**Neighborhoods Department**  
**Environmental Quality Division**  
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# 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 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.
  - Reclaimed water customers must follow the mandatory watering restrictions set forth by the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), which can be found at: [sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions](http://sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions).
- Effective April 2025, residents of Nocatee must follow a new Water Conservation Schedule, based on zones not streets, which can be found at: [jea.com/nocateewatering](http://jea.com/nocateewatering).*
- 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 offsite surface water or public supply source.

## Reclaimed Water, Private Wells, and Automatic Systems

- Irrigation limitations apply to water withdrawn from a private well or pump. When reclaimed water is available, the use of private irrigations wells is not authorized.
- 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.

