

# Board imposes more restrictions on lawn-watering

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■ Better go light on the sprinklers next year. The St. Johns River Water Management District's governing board adopted tough new watering rules this week.

■ Under the new rules, which take effect in March, landscape irrigation will be limited to two days a week during daylight saving time and one day a week during Eastern Standard Time.

■ Daylight-saving times runs

## To find out more

For more information about the rules, go to the St. Johns River Water Management District's site. Follow the link at

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from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November.

The rules also establish days

that residential and non-residential users can water:

■ Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at odd-numbered addresses or locations with no address during daylight saving time.

■ Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at even-numbered addresses during daylight saving time.

■ Tuesday and Friday for non-residential landscape irrigation during daylight saving time.

■ When Eastern Standard Time is in effect, residential landscape irrigation will be limited to Saturdays at odd-numbered addresses or no address; Sundays at even-numbered addresses; and Tuesdays for non-residential landscape irrigation.

No landscape irrigation will be allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., as in the current rule.

To strengthen enforcement, the rule encourages local governments to adopt ordinances consistent with the district's

new rules.

The board also decided to remove proposed restrictions on the use of reclaimed water and recycled stormwater, and gave permission to initiate a separate rulemaking process for those provisions.

Some reclaimed-water utilities, such as the city of Melbourne, have expressed concern about those provisions, mostly due to facility and infrastructure limitations. ■

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