

# WATER CONSERVATION

You can survive 3 weeks without food but only 3 days without water. The high quality groundwater that provides our drinking water is one of our most valuable natural resources. The population of Seminole County continues to grow rapidly, and we may not be able to continue using water the way we do now without creating environmental and financial impacts. Learning to use less water today is the best and least expensive way to avoid possible problems in the future.



## New Watering Restrictions

Remember to set your irrigation timers to water at the correct times and days. This will save you money and our precious resources.



## City of Longwood Water Conservation Ordinance #09-1886

Enacted by the Longwood City Commission on March 2, 2009, this amended Ordinance allows the City to enforce established watering days. The Ordinance is City-wide and does include all water sources (reclaimed, lakes, wells, etc.)

### Top Ten Water Conservation Tips

- Verify that your home is leak-free, because many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, here is a leak.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food over night in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.
- Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up. This will reduce heating costs for your household.
- Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- Never install a water-to-air heat pump or air-conditioning system. New air-to-air models are just as efficient and do not waste water.
- Water lawns during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. This reduces losses from evaporation.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to, at least, three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely-clipped lawn.
- Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass to do so.
- Conserve water because it is the right thing to do. Don't waste water just because someone else is footing the bill such as when you are staying at a hotel.
- Try to do one thing each day that will result in a savings of water. Don't worry if the savings is minimal. Every drop counts. And every person can make a difference. So tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers to "Turn it Off" and "Keep it Off." Water is the lifeblood of Florida. Don't bleed us dry.

### Helpful Links

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[City of Longwood Public Utilities](#)

