



CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS CODE ENFORCEMENT

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About Bonita Springs Water Conservation Ordinance 06-06

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, Year-Round Landscape Irrigation

Users may irrigate on two days, or may exercise the option to irrigate a third day.

When can I water the lawn in Bonita Springs?

- **Odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays, Wednesdays and/or 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 **Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Sundays, only midnight until 9 a.m. OR after 5 p.m. until midnight.**

When can I water my newly planted landscaping and sod?

less than five acres in size

1 to 30 days: from midnight until 9 a.m. OR after 5 p.m. to midnight on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Irrigation is not permitted on Fridays.

31 to 90 days: from midnight until 9 a.m. OR after 5 p.m. to midnight on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays,

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.

Irrigation is not permitted on Fridays.

Can I hand-water my lawn?

Yes. You can hand water stressed plants for 10 minutes per day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut off nozzle.

What other low-volume watering methods are allowed?

Persons using a low volume irrigation system will be allowed to water seven (7) days a week except during the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time. However, a voluntary reduction in use is encouraged and any low-volume system should not produce water runoff. Watering cans are also low-volume and can be used anytime.

When can I wash my car or boat?

Anytime. 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?

Anytime. 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.

At restaurants, just ask.

All restaurants within the City of Bonita Springs are prohibited from serving water to any customer from any public or private well, water supply, or distribution system except when specifically requested by the customer.

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 or call (800) 432-2045.

What happens if I don't follow these restrictions?

Any irrigation performed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be subject to fines.

Irrigation during these hours wilts sod and plants and wastes water through evaporation.

Water restrictions are mandatory and will be enforced by local government through law enforcement or zoning and code enforcement agencies.