



Water Conservation Calendar

Water conservation is a year-round responsibility. Water less during the rainy summer months and cool winter season to save resources for the hot, dry times of year. The monthly tips below will help you build lasting water conservation habits. Always follow local watering restrictions.

January

- Check for indoor and outdoor leaks (toilets, irrigation, faucets).
- Limit lawn irrigation; Turfgrass growth slows requiring less water.
- Adjust irrigation timers to account for decreased evaporation.

February

- Mulch landscape beds to conserve moisture as spring and peak drought season approach.
- Fix leaks in irrigation systems before spring.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads. (This is good to practice all year.)

March

- Choose drought-resistant plants for landscaping.
- Water lawns in early morning or evening to reduce evaporation.
- Maintain mower blades for clean cuts, helping grass retain water.
- Daylight Saving: Check Your Irrigation Timer

April

- Follow watering restrictions (only on permitted days, never 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.).
- Inspect and clean irrigation filters and sprinkler heads.
- Water Conservation Month. Pay extra attention to indoor and outdoor water usage restrictions that may change, either locally or from SWFWMD.

May

- Water only when plants show wilt symptoms.
- Avoid overwatering, roots need air as well as water. Overwatering also can strip nutrients.
- Maintain mower blades for clean cuts, helping grass retain water.

June

- Use Florida-friendly mulch to maintain soil moisture.
- Postpone new plantings or sod until the start of the rainy season. June typically is just barely out of drought.
- Recheck irrigation system for leaks with summer watering ramp-up.

July

- Limit outdoor water use unless there is a health or safety hazard.
- Fix irrigation leaks promptly to avoid waste.

August

- Turn off irrigation during adequate rainfall in the rainy season. You might not need it at all this month.
- Use captured rainwater for supplemental watering, just not things you plan to eat.
- Monitor for fungal disease. Brown patches are often caused by fungal disease due to excessive rain.

September

- Turn off irrigation when rain increases and before and during tropical storms and hurricanes.
- Ensure sprinkler systems don't need repair/leaking before increased irrigation demand.

October

- Plant drought-tolerant shrubs and groundcovers.
- Check soil moisture with a screwdriver test or soil moisture sensors to avoid unnecessary watering.

November

- Shut off irrigation if rainfall is sufficient.
- Mulch fallen leaves to conserve soil moisture.
- Review latest County watering schedules for potential winter changes.
- Daylight Saving Time: Adjust the time on irrigation controller

December

- Wrap exposed pipes and faucets to prevent freezing and leaks.
- Continue to check for leaks, especially after cold snaps.



Other helpful links:

Water Bill Calculator,
hcfl.gov/billcalculator

Request a Leak Adjustment,
hcfl.gov/leak

Tampa Bay Waterwise program,
tampabaywaterwise.org

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program -
University of Florida, Institute of Food and
Agricultural Sciences - UF/IFAS

Learn more about water conservation at HCFL.gov/waterconservation
Help conserve water by knowing your watering days. HCFL.gov/WaterRestrictions