



City of Port St. Lucie Communications Department Press Release

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DESPITE RAINS, WATER RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE IN PSL

Port St. Lucie, Fla. – June 11, 2007 – Despite recent rainfall, phase 2 water restrictions from the [South Florida Water Management District](#) (SFWMD) continue in effect for Port St. Lucie. The restrictions apply regardless of whether properties use a private well system, city water, or withdraw water from a surface water resource such as a lake, pond or canal.

In areas outside St. Lucie West, Port St. Lucie residences with odd number addresses can water grass only on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. Residences with even number addresses can water grass only on Thursdays and Sundays, also from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. Hand watering on the designated days can be done from 5 to 7 p.m.

The SFWMD requirements vary for non-irrigation uses such as:

- Washing cars and boats.
- Using fertilizer and insecticide.
- Recreational uses such as pools, water toys, etc.
- Using water on new plants, sod and gardens.
- Washing sidewalks and pressure cleaning.
- Ornamental fountains.

For a 2-page chart of these requirements on commercial and residential properties, [click here](#).

For a summary of these requirements on residential properties, [click here](#).

For a summary of these requirements on commercial properties, [click here](#).

Port St Lucie Code Enforcement officers, not police, will enforce the restrictions with a warning notice to any property in violation, then with a \$100 citation for any repeat offense committed after a five-day period.

Suspected infractions can be reported to (772) 871-5010. To report infractions on-line, [click here](#).

Questions regarding the Phase 2 water-use restrictions can be directed to the city's Utility Department at (772) 873-6400.

For properties that are customers of the St Lucie West Services District

Property owners who are customers of the [St. Lucie West Services District](#) should check with the District for specific requirements in St. Lucie West. Their phone number is (772) 340-0220.

The St. Lucie West Services District is operating its master irrigation system in compliance with South Florida Water Management District Water Shortage Restrictions under Variance No. 3644.

The terms of this variance call for the watering of residential properties one day per week. The watering times vary by neighborhood with odd numbered addresses being watered on Monday and even number addresses being watered on Thursday. Each property receives irrigation water during at predetermined time period between the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:30 AM the following morning.

Due to the size, number of zones, and the inability to utilize the odd and even address system equitably, the commercial properties are currently receiving water twice per week on Monday and Thursday between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 9:30 AM.

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