

Outdoor Water Conservation POWR Tips

- Water only during the designated watering hours – before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. During this time when the sun is out evaporation occurs and you are wasting water. Watering slowly, deeply and infrequently encourages deep rooting.
- Outdoor irrigation can account for more than 50 percent of your home's total water consumption, so make sure your irrigation system is running properly at all times. Drip irrigation will build the best quality root system for your landscape.
- You can save about 50-60 gallons of water by sweeping or air blowing debris off your sidewalk and driveway instead of using a hose and water.
- "Florida Friendly" your landscape using native plants that are tolerant to local conditions and Florida Friendly plant material.
- Prevent Addiction --Don't over water-- most Florida grasses need only about three-fourths of an inch of water each time it rains or you irrigate. Here's a quick and easy test: Mark a tuna or cat food can at three-fourths of an inch, place it in your yard while your sprinklers are running. When the water has hit your mark, your lawn has been watered sufficiently. Time how long it takes for your sprinklers to fill the can to three-fourths of an inch, then you can set your sprinkler timers accordingly (about 20 minutes per zone).
- Increase the height of your grass. Cutting grass shorter than three inches will increase the need for watering.

Nine Basic Principles:

Right Plant, Right Place
Water Efficiently
Fertilize Appropriately
Mulch
Attract Wildlife
Control Yard Pests Responsibly
Recycle
Reduce Stormwater Runoff
Protect the Waterfront