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### FALLING BACK FOR WATER CONSERVATION



LIVE OAK, FL, October 30, 2017 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is reminding district residents to shift landscape watering to once per week beginning November 5, 2017. The fall watering schedule will remain in effect until March 11, 2018.

Cooler temperatures and shorter days call for less watering in the winter due to slower growth and less evaporation. Irrigation schedules seek to ensure efficient water use and conserve water resources.

Additionally, November is historically the driest month of the year which works in perfect tandem with the slower growing season, lunar changes and cooler temperatures.

“The changing seasons are a visual reminder that nature works to maintain itself during colder, drier times and requires much less water to preserve the health of flora and fauna,” said Hugh Thomas, executive director of the Suwannee River Water Management District. “Irrigation scheduling is one way that we can all contribute to conserving water, especially when there is not a natural need for it.”

The watering schedule applies to residential landscaping; public, commercial, and industrial property; hotels and motels; and public medians. Key guidelines include:

- Irrigation should not occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.;
- No more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch of water or the depth of a five-ounce tuna can, may be applied per irrigation zone per day;
- Water no more than one hour per irrigation zone;
- Odd numbered or no address locations are permitted to water on Saturdays (Address ending in the numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or the letters N-Z);
- Even numbered address locations are permitted to water on Sundays (Address ending in the numbers 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 or letters A-M); and
- Non-residential properties are permitted to water on Tuesdays.

Business and residents are encouraged to use Florida-Friendly Landscape principles and skip watering when it rains close to a scheduled irrigation day. Agricultural and other large irrigation uses maintain year-round guidelines through the District’s water use permitting program.

For more information about landscape irrigation measures or to learn more about the District, visit [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, search @SRWMD.

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