



May 25, 2017

Re: Mandated Water Shortage Restrictions

Manatee County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) have announced that the Modified Phase III Water Shortage Restrictions are in effect [from June 5, 2017 through August 1, 2017](#).

This policy directly applies to every River Wilderness resident including those who have private wells on their property. During this time period, you may water your lawns **only one day a week** according to the following schedule:

Addresses "house numbers" ... May only water on ...

Ending in 0 or 1 ----- Monday

Ending in 2 or 3 ----- Tuesday

Ending in 4 or 5 ----- Wednesday

Ending in 6 or 7 ----- Thursday

Ending in 8 or 9 ----- Friday

Community common areas, etc. -- Friday

The allowable watering hours are **before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.**, regardless of property size. Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (not lawns) can be done on any day at any time.

For those of you with sprinkler systems on timers, you must reset those timers to the specific day and time for your property address. If you are not in your Florida residence at this time, you must make arrangements to hire someone or to have a friend reset the timers for you. **Per Manatee County, violations of this directive carry fines up to \$10,000.**

Fountains and other aesthetic water features may operate only eight hours per day. The 8 hours of operation can be selected by the owner, and they must be posted near the fountain. The RWHOA will be turning off the decorative fountains in our ponds during this water shortage interval. The aeration bubblers will remain in operation in several of our ponds.

The RWHOA will closely adhere to all water shortage requirements for the common property, and we will not issue our normal lawn repair or power washing violations to homeowners during this time. It is important that every homeowner also adheres to these Water Shortage restrictions. We urge you to monitor your shrubs and trees to provide hand watering as needed. You cannot hand water your lawns.

Please consult the Manatee County and SWFWMD links below for further details such as car washing and pressure washing restrictions.

The RWHOA requests that you actively comply with these Water Shortage restrictions. We thank you for your cooperation.

The RWHOA Board  
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[Link to the Manatee County Water Restrictions](#)  
[Link to the SWFWMD Water Shortage Restrictions](#)

[Link to the RW info page](#)  
[Link to the RWHOA.org website](#)