

PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Beginning Friday, April 18, 2008, the South Florida Water Management District and the City of West Palm Beach Public Utilities Department have imposed new water use restrictions which effect the Town of Palm Beach. Based on those restrictions, the Director of Public Works has issued an emergency order under his authority granted by the Town of Palm Beach Code of Ordinances.

Violations of the emergency order will result in the imposition of a fine and/or a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board. The Code Enforcement Board meets the third Thursday of every month, at 2 PM in the Town Council Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Town Hall at 360 South County Road, Palm Beach.

If you receive a Notice of Violation, the Notice will indicate if you have the option of paying a fine or appearing at a hearing, OR, that there is a mandatory hearing. If the fine is not paid as indicated on the Notice of Violation, the hearing will be held as scheduled whether or not you or a representative are present.

Town Ordinance Fine Schedule For
Emergency Water Restriction Violations

- 1st Offense = \$125
- 2nd Offense = \$250
- 3rd Offense = \$400
- 4th Offense = \$500
- Subsequent Offenses = \$500



Palm Beach
Police Department
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345 S. County Road
Palm Beach, FL 33480
561/838-5454

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Summary of
Emergency
Water Use
Restrictions

Effective April 18, 2008

Non-Emergency
561/838-5454
Emergency call 9-1-1

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

ALL PROPERTY SIZES

Odd Numbered Addresses

Lawn watering is permitted on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, from 12 AM to 10 AM, AND/OR, from 4 PM to 11:59 PM.

Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Even Numbered Addresses

Lawn watering is permitted on THURSDAYS and SUNDAYS, from 12 AM to 10 AM, AND/OR, from 4 PM to 11:59 PM.

Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For the most efficient use of water, avoid irrigating during both time periods on the same day. Most lawns need only 3/4 to 1 inch of water per week.

Low-volume systems such as drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time.

Hand Watering

Hand-watering of stressed plants is permitted for 10 minutes per day using a single hose, with an attached automatic shutoff nozzle.

NEWLY PLANTED

LANDSCAPING & SOD

Watering should be restricted **only to the new landscaping installed** and within a reasonable time from the date of purchase and verified with a receipt or invoice. You can avoid receiving a Notice of Violation for watering newly planted sod or landscaping by providing documentation of the new planting, including the date of installation, to the Code Enforcement Unit. A copy of the invoice or other documentation may be sent or dropped off at the Police Department at 345 South County Road, Palm Beach, or may be faxed to the Code Enforcement Unit at 561/835-4736. If you have not provided the documentation and receive a Notice of Violation, please call the Code Enforcement Unit at 561/227-7080 for instructions. With proper documentation, the Notice of Violation will be rescinded.

Newly Planted Landscaping & Sod

All Property Sizes:

In place on first day: New landscaping can be watered without regard to restrictions on the first day it is installed.

In place from 2 days to 31 days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday AND/OR Sunday (any days except Friday): 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

In place from 31 days to 60 days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, AND/OR Saturday: 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Additional watering days can only be used to benefit new landscaping, and an entire irrigation system zone may only be watered if it contains at least 50% new landscaping. If less than 50%, use targeted or hand-watering

POWER OUTAGES

Power outages may effect irrigation timers which do not have a battery backup. If you receive a Notice of Violation for water use, and you believe that the violation occurred due to a power outage, you can request documentation from Florida Power & Light. Call FPL at 561/697-8000, and request the documentation. Then call the Code Enforcement Unit at 561/227-7080 to provide the details. If the violation occurred within 7 days of a documented power outage, the Notice of Violation will be rescinded.

Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Decorative Fountains and All Other Outdoor Water Uses

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged

Well Water

Surface and groundwater sources are connected. Unless documentation has been provided to the South Florida Water Management District that a well is exempt, users of well water must comply with the emergency restrictions.

Fertilizer & Pesticide Applications

Allowed during normally allowable watering days and times unless a professional licensed applicator has posted a temporary sign containing the date of application and the date(s) of needed watering-in activity.

Tennis Courts

Clay or Har-Tru tennis courts may be watered for up to 10 minutes daily once before 3 p.m. and once before midnight.