



## City Irrigation Policy

The City of Groveland requires everyone to adhere to its codes and regulations in order to conserve our precious water resource. The code is located within the City Ordinance 2009-03-09, and is in accordance with St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board.

Irrigation Schedule			
Time of Year	Odd # Addresses	Even # Addresses	Non-Residential Property
Daylight Savings Time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

- Daylight saving time: Second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
- Eastern Standard Time: First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.
- An odd numbered address is one that ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.
- An even numbered address is one that ends in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.
- Water only when needed and **not** between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- No more than ¾ inch of water per zone per irrigation day and no more than one hour per irrigation zone per irrigation day. Limit irrigation run times to the amount necessary to meet landscape needs.
- In order to utilize the optimum saturation time, irrigate during early morning hours.
- Private irrigation wells are not allowed where reclaim water is available.
- Irrigation limitations apply to all irrigation systems regardless of the source of water.
- Irrigation limitations apply to all irrigation systems not currently regulated by a consumptive use permit.
- Persons irrigating with an automatic lawn irrigation system installed after May 1991 shall install, maintain and operate a rain sensor device or switch which overrides the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

Irrigation Time for Efficiency					
Head type	Setting	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Spray	Ideal	25 min	15 min	0 min	20 min
	Range	20-30 min	10-20 min	0-10 min	15-20 min
Roto/Rotary nozzle	Ideal	45 min	30 min	< 10 min	40 min
	Range	40-60 min	20-40 min	0-20 min	35-55 min

### Proper Irrigation Maintenance

*The following factors should also be considered when scheduling irrigations systems:*

- During extended periods of rainy weather, irrigation systems should be turned off.
- Irrigation controllers have default programs that take over if a set program is lost due to a power outage. On some controllers if the schedule switch is in the “custom” mode, it will default to watering every day. Reset program after a power outage.
- For an irrigation system to function efficiently, regular maintenance is required.

*To inspect and adjust your irrigation system to work properly, you should:*

- Turn the system on occasionally during daylight hours to observe the heads during irrigation cycles and check for broken or misdirected spray heads.
- Periodically raise rotors and spray heads above grass beds because foot and mower traffic tend to push them into the soil.
- Buy and install riser extension as ground covers grow or grass thickens at the base. These keep spray heads above the grass beds.
- Replace or clean micro-spray heads if they are clogged.
- Adjust heads to they cover the target area and don't waste water on tree trunks, sidewalks and roadways.
- Clean micro-irrigation filters as needed. Filtration is necessary to prevent spray emitters from getting clogged.
- Use only replacement parts produced by the same manufacturer, as different brands often do not match up correctly.
- Check for water bubbling up around irrigation heads. This could be a broken head or leak in the irrigation line.

For more information regarding conservation tips, visit our website— [www.groveland-fl.gov](http://www.groveland-fl.gov) and the St. Johns River Water Management District website— [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com)

An Irrigation Audit is available without cost by the City of Groveland for all city residents. To request an audit, please call or text # 352-534-1949 or email, [wilma.nicholas@groveland-fl.gov](mailto:wilma.nicholas@groveland-fl.gov)



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