

On Tuesday February 24, 2009 the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management voted to implement a Modified Phase III Water Shortage for all of Charlotte County. This Order is in effect until June 30, 2009. Below is a list of water conservation measures contained in the Order.

Customer Responsibilities

Lawn and landscape watering only allowed one day per week

- Either before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. (if larger than two acres)
- Local schedule may be applicable, otherwise:
 - Address ending in 0 or 1 irrigates Monday, if needed
 - Address ending in 2 or 3 irrigates Tuesday, if needed
 - Address ending in 4 or 5 irrigates Wednesday, if needed
 - Address ending in 6 or 7 irrigates Thursday, if needed
 - Address ending in 8 or 9 irrigates Friday, if needed
- Hand watering of lawn - limited to watering day and times
- Hand watering of hot spots – still allowed on other days
- Hand watering, micro irrigation of other plants allowed any day, but limited to before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- New or Replacement Lawns: Thirty days total, if needed. Water any day during the first 15 days. Even addresses may water only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Odd addresses may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday during the next 15 days. Time of day restrictions apply.
- Other New Plant Establishment: Sixty days total, if needed. Water any day during the first 30 days. Even addresses may water only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Odd addresses may water only on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday during the next 30 days. Time of day restrictions apply.
- Reduce off-site discharge
- Recycle water to extent practicable
- Use least restricted source
- Pools - minimize need for make-up water
- Pressure washing
 - Allowed for painting, other necessary maintenance
 - Also allowed to maintain a warranty, health and safety reasons
- Fountains and Waterfalls – operate only 4 hours per day
- Veriticutting, over seeding – no special watering allowance
- Vehicle and mobile equipment washing: Car, truck and mobile equipment washing is restricted to one washing a week and must use low-volume methods, such as a handheld hose, equipped with a shut-off nozzle. For residential properties, vehicle washing is permitted on Tuesday or Saturday for an even address or Wednesday or Sunday for an odd address. Car wash fundraisers are permitted on behalf of non-profit organizations.
- Adjust lawn and landscape maintenance– mowing, etc.
- Restaurants: serve water only on request

Utility Responsibility

- Issue Citations instead of warnings
- Respond to citizen complaints
- Report system status (potable and reclaimed):
 - Within 30 days of Order's effective date
 - Monthly updates
- Limit the use of unattended manual line flushing
- Enhance coordination with District
- Accelerate water conservation measures
- Further enhance conservation messaging
- Continue Phase II efforts, such as system audit
- Conduct intense outreach to high-use single-family residential customers to significantly reduce their use
- Reduce system pressure where practicable
- Consider implementing a drought surcharge for high-use customers (for example, single-family residences using more than 15,000 gallons per month)
- Consider implementing a reclaimed water availability fee for customers electing to not to hook up to the reclaimed water system (when the pipe runs past their property)
- Hold a drought summit (PR/MRWSA already has one scheduled for April 3, 2009)

For questions concerning this Order you may contact the Utilities Department at (941) 575-3339 or the Southwest Florida Water Management District **water restriction hotline 1-800-848-0499** or www.swfwmd.state.fl.us

**Report Watering Violations, Contact
City of Punta Gorda Code Enforcement at
941-575-3324 (days) or 941-639-4111 (eves)**