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NEWS

Water Resources & Utilities Spring 2017



Don't Forget!
Daylight Savings time
begins March 12th,
watering days will
change

WATERING DAYS & TIMES ! No Watering Between 10 am- 4 pm

Time of Year	Odd/No Addresses	Even Addresses	Non-Residential Addresses
Daylight Savings	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday



April is Water Conservation Month! 2017 marks the 19-year anniversary since April was first established as Water Conservation Month in Florida. Keep reading for conservation tips and plantings to help preserve water.

Have you checked the sprinkler heads to ensure they are not broken, turf hasn't grown over them, and that they are pointed in the appropriate direction? Be sure to check your timers as well! Severe storms can reset timers, causing them to go off daily.

Tips For a Generous & Water Saving Vegetable Garden

- ◆ **Plant to Beat the Heat-** Plant your vegetable in block style layout rather than in rows to create microclimates, shade and reduce water evaporation. Layout your vegetable garden so that plants with similar water requirements are grouped together. For example, cucumbers, zucchini, and squash all have similar water needs.
- ◆ **When Plants Need Water-** Plant your Veggies before the hot and dry days of summer arrive, they'll have time to establish a root system that will allow them to survive the hotter days. A drip irrigation system will deploy water where it is needed and potentially reduce your water consumption by as much as 50%.
- ◆ **Vegetable Choice-** Seek out plants and varieties that do well in hot and dry locations (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, tec.).



Drought Tolerant Tropicals



The Croton (left) is a common plant known for its bright and colorful foliage. Croton's come in many varieties and prefer full sun to partial shade.

Bougainvillea (right) is a popular Florida flowering shrub. In addition to being drought tolerant, these plants are mostly pest free and disease resistant. Bougainvillea's are easy to grow and prefer mostly sunshine. These plants can be potted, planted as shrubs, or grow as a climber.



The pygmy date palm (left) is a popular landscaping choice for a tropical look. This palm is low maintenance, taking full sun to partial shade. They are slow growing and can be potted or planted in ones, twos, or threes.

The Bird of Paradise (Right) is a tropical flower, with leaves resembling those of a banana tree. Plants grown in partial shade will be taller and have somewhat larger flowers. In full sun, plants are smaller and flowers are on shorter stems.



Save Water = Save Money

High-efficiency dishwashers— Switch to a new high efficiency model to save money on your utility bill. Qualified models use up to 31 percent less energy and 33 percent less water than conventional machines while delivering superior performance. Additionally, families can cut their the water costs by more than half just by replacing an old machine with a new **high efficiency washer**.

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