

Please be Water Wise

Did you know that every stormwater pond in Spanish Wells is 100% dependent on rainfall? During “Dry Season” (February - May) lake water levels recede and become quite low. When we irrigate our lawns, whether it be with a private irrigation well or city water, we impact our groundwater and lake levels. When we overwater, we needlessly lower lake water levels and foster surface algae growth. Watering too often can also cause grass to develop weak roots and become susceptible to disease.

A few gentle reminders about lawn irrigation that apply to EVERYONE regardless of whether you have a private irrigation well, use city water or your sub association provides irrigation.

1. Irrigate only after 5PM and before 9AM. Irrigating at other times results in significantly more evaporation and can strain our community’s groundwater. *It can also result in fines since irrigation between 9-5 is prohibited by law.*
2. Irrigate only on allowed days. *Irrigating on other days can result in fines.*

IF YOUR ADDRESS ENDS IN...	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1, 3, 5, 7, 9							
0, 2, 4, 6, 8							

3. Make certain that your rain sensor is working. EVERY automatic irrigation controller in Florida is required to have a rain sensor that shuts irrigation off after heavy rainfalls. See this link for more information.
<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/AE221>
4. Consider replacing older sprinkler heads with more efficient updated heads which direct more water to the lawn and reduce evaporation saving water and saving you \$\$\$.
5. Consider using Florida Friendly Landscaping Practices to reduce irrigation demand, use less fertilizer, and save \$\$\$.

To learn more about specific irrigation laws that apply to all of us here in Spanish Wells go to this link:

https://library.municode.com/fl/bonita_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIC_O_CH42UT_ARTIIIWACO_S42-46YEUNLAIRCOME

To learn more about Florida Friendly Landscaping see this short video :

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/ffl-and-you/community-management/benefits-for-communities/>