

Obtaining a Variance for Watering in new Plantings

This White Paper explains the procedure to obtaining a Variance from Manatee County for Watering in new flowers, shrubs and lawns.

Presently, the County permits watering of lawns and shrubs two days a week, using the water we collect from our lakes and delivered by the Central Irrigation System (CIS). In times of drought, the days may be restricted to only one day per week, or even less.

If you have planted new flowers, shrubs or installed a new lawn, you may get a variance to water more frequently, so that the new plantings take hold. In fact, you will need a variance number from the county to water in your new plants daily, for up to 30 days. If you are caught watering excessively without permission you will be subject to fines from the county.

The phone number to call for a watering variance in Manatee County is 941-792-8811 x5327. The county will provide you with a variance number which you can give to TLC to set up the extra watering schedule. Note that neither TLC nor the CDD can authorize extra watering unless it is approved by the county.

Once the variance from the county is obtained, contact Terri Freeman at TLC (our irrigation management vendor) who can turn on your watering daily for the specified period. Her email contact info is: tfreeman@tlcfla.com

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