

New Watering Restrictions In Effect

This spring has been one of the driest in years - and that has created water supply and demand problems for utilities all across the Tampa Bay area.

To even out the demand in Hillsborough County, lawn watering in the unincorporated areas is limited to once a week through Aug. 2. Under the once-a-week schedule, residents may water established lawns and landscaping on the following days:

- **Monday - addresses ending in 0, 1**
- **Tuesday - addresses ending in 2, 3**
- **Wednesday - addresses ending in 4, 5**
- **Thursday - addresses ending in 6, 7**
- **Friday - addresses ending in 8, 9**

Locations with no address, such as common areas, and mixed addresses, such as shopping centers, also can water on Fridays.

All watering must be accomplished before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. You may hand-water plants and shrubs, or use a drip irrigation system in landscaping beds, at any time. There are also special rules for watering new sod.



For complete information, call 275-7094 for a recorded message, visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org/water and click on the "Restrictions & Conservation" button, or call the Water Conservation Team at 274-6800 during regular business hours.

The restrictions are slated to return to a two-day-a-week schedule on Aug. 3. Be sure to check these information sources at that time for additional details.

Reclaimed water customers are exempt from the watering restrictions, although these customers are encouraged to use only what they need.

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around the casing. Make sure the well cap is secure, sealed and the vent screen is intact so contaminants cannot enter. If floodwaters do cover the well casing, or if there are any changes in the appearance or taste of the water, the well will need



to be disinfected, tested and declared safe before normal use can be resumed.

Don't open sanitary sewer manholes. Homeowners have been known to try and protect their homes from sewage overflows by opening the sanitary sewer manholes in streets. Besides being illegal, this

creates a dangerous hazard for pedestrians and motorists. In addition, opening the manholes can have the opposite effect of what was intended, by allowing large amounts of rainwater to enter the system.

Know the location of your sewer clean-out cap. In a worst-case scenario where sewage is backing up into your home, you can divert the flow to the yard by removing the sewer clean-out cap. The cap is positioned outdoors, but the exact location varies depending on the home.

Stay away from standing water. It may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines, or be contaminated by runoff or sewage.

Get Your Motor ... Reading

The gas tank is full and Hillsborough County's first Spanish Cybermobile is ready to hit the road. The Cybermobile is a Spanish-language mobile library branch, providing free library resources, services, computer classes and programming throughout Hillsborough County. The Cybermobile visits Hillsborough County areas with the highest concentrations of Spanish speaking individuals to bridge language and library usage gaps and to develop lifelong library users. The County recently held a dedication ceremony at the Santa Maria Mission in north Tampa where residents and community leaders had the opportunity to get a first-hand look at the new library on wheels. For a Cybermobile schedule, check out the county's website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org and under the A-Z index, click on libraries.



Northdale Center Expands

They may not be able to dunk like the pros, but Hillsborough County Commissioners and several local children hit the courts and shot a few hoops to celebrate the grand opening of the new Northdale Community Center.

The new 9,000 square-foot building includes a multi-purpose room to be used for indoor basketball games and community events and programs. In addition, the facility now has a game room, outside court yard, and revamped parking area with 90 more



Commissioner Ken Hagan makes the shot

spaces. The center is used for senior, after-school, night and summer programs. This new facility is in addition to the already existing 6,500 square-foot building.

Hillsborough County Offers Free Summer Food for Children

Even with school out for the summer, it doesn't mean local children who rely on school lunches will go hungry. Hillsborough County's Summer Food Program offers meals to local children during the summer. Unfortunately, a large number of children are not fed nutritious foods on a consistent basis, especially when schools let out. In fact, only one in five children eligible for free or reduced school meals will receive the nutrition they need this summer.



The USDA's Summer Food Service provides free meals to children at park and recreation areas, summer bible schools, camps and other sites in the community during the summer.

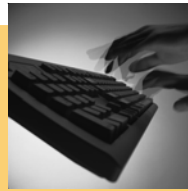
Got E-News?

If you are looking for up-to-the minute emergency information on evacuations, shelters, and more - look no further than Hillsborough County's E-News Service, allowing residents to receive official emergency information directly from Hillsborough County.

To subscribe, go to www.hillsboroughcounty.org and click on "Emergency/Hurricane Information,"

located on the right-hand side of the page, then click on the "Emergency News" button and type in your e-mail address. Residents will only receive disaster-related information during a declared emergency.

During a disaster, residents can also count on HTV22 and Hillsborough County's Infoline at 272-5900 as official sources for information.



NEWS BRIEFS...

Helping Students Pursue Their Goals

Hundreds of Hillsborough County high school graduates will have an opportunity to pursue a higher education this fall, thanks in part to the financial generosity of county employees. Last month, County Commissioners recognized employees' commitment to enhance the educational aspirations of local students by declaring June as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship month.

In 1988, the scholarship fund was established by county employees to commemorate the life and legacy of the slain civil rights leader. Since then, more than 400 deserving students, from a variety of backgrounds, have received over \$500,000, made possible through voluntary payroll deductions and fundraisers.

In 1992, City of Tampa employees joined the effort to provide over 20 academic scholarships yearly to area students.

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Water and Wastewater Hurricane Tips

With two active hurricane seasons behind us and more predicted to come, we're hearing a lot about preparation and planning. Here are a few water and wastewater-related tips which might come in handy:

Make your water do double-duty. Before the storm, freeze jugs and bottles of drinking water. The frozen water will help keep your refrigerator and freezer cool if you lose electricity.

Be a good neighbor - restrict water use. Flush after a storm and the toilet which bubbles up may be your neighbor's - or your own. Lift stations that aren't working can back wastewater up into the system and people's homes. Even residents connected to septic tanks can experience problems, since septic tanks typically don't work well after excessive rain or flooding. After a storm, avoid unnecessary water use.

Know what a "boil water" notice means. If officials issue a boil water notice, bring water used for cooking, drinking and brushing teeth to a full rolling boil for one minute. Cool before using.

Protect your private well. Check before the hurricane season starts to make sure the ground slopes away from your well so stormwater won't pool

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