

Effective April 3, 2026:

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has declared a Modified Phase III 'Extreme' Water Shortage, and the following restrictions are in effect:

- Customers should continue to water once per week on their watering day (see details below) and should follow the following time restrictions:
 - **Under 1 acre:** 12:00–4:00 a.m. or 8:00–11:59 p.m. on your watering day
 - **1 acre or more:** 8:00 p.m.–4:00 a.m. on your watering day
- Car washing can be done **only on your watering day** and **your hose must have a shutoff nozzle.**
- Fountains limited to **4 hours per day** and signage must be posted signifying what time fountain operations began.
- Restaurants may serve water **ONLY upon request.**
- Typically, Sarasota County Public Utilities has a system for issuing warnings and then citations to customers who violate watering restrictions. However, to protect remaining water supply, Public Utilities staff will issue citations without warning beginning April 17, as directed by SWFWMD.

Residents should check with their city or county for their allowable day and times as many have different schedules or stricter hours in effect.

Below is the standard schedule:

- If your address (house number) ends in:

0 or 1, water only on Monday

2 or 3, water only on Tuesday

4 or 5, water only on Wednesday

6 or 7, water only on Thursday

8 or 9*, water only on Friday * and locations without a discernible address

- Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect, watering hours are reduced to 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. or 8 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Properties less than one acre in size may only use one of these windows.

- Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect, properties one acre or larger may only water before 4 a.m. and after 8 p.m.

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