

Useful information for Hillsborough County homeowners and residents

Spring is upon us. It's a great time to start thinking about irrigation maintenance. Check your system for leaks, clogs, or misdirected spray heads. Ensure your rainfall shutoff device is working properly.

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/ffl-minute-radio/2021-archive/february-2021/spring-irrigation-maintenance/>

Are you aware Hillsborough County has changed the water use restrictions? All watering must be done either between midnight and 8 AM OR between 6 PM and midnight, and only once on your designated days. To find out your designated day at <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/water-and-sewer/find-my-watering-days>

Saving Water

* In west-central Florida, Spring is the driest season. Water demand is highest in the growing seasons, Spring and Summer, because plants make their own energy food, glucose, when they begin to grow.

Balancing Rainfall and Irrigation for Healthy Plants:

<https://kpmaster.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Balancing-Rainfall-and-Irrigation.pdf>

*A great resource regarding updating your landscape this season:

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Handbook

https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fflifasufledu/docs/FYN_Handbook_2015_web.pdf

*2023 Triple Workshops:

° Composting ° Microirrigation ° Rainwater Harvesting °

The UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County, in Partnership with Hillsborough County Public Utilities and the City of Tampa Water Department, offers monthly workshops both in-person and remote (Zoom) settings. Registration is open to Hillsborough County and City of Tampa residents at a minimal cost of \$5 per workshop.

Take just one or take them all – together we can learn to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost!**

<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/hillsborough/upcoming-events>



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For more information:

“Operation of Residential Irrigation Controllers”

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/AE220>

“Residential Irrigation system Rainfall Shutoff Devices”

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/AE221?downloadOpen=true>

“We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.” — Jacques Yves Cousteau