



**Thanks everyone for your comments regarding the proposed plan to limit watering our lawns to 3 days a week! Here you'll find answers to FAQ's we received from the community survey.**



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**Q We already abide by Pinellas County water restrictions. Wouldn't this be redundant and confusing?**

**A** The City of St. Pete Beach is considering a proposal similar, perhaps even identical, to that of the County, to apply to within City limits. We will ensure St. Pete Beach residents do not have to manage conflicting requirements. If you already follow the County's guidelines, you are a water conservation rock star!

**Q What about every other day instead of three days per week?**

**A** Three days per weeks gives a more predictable, defined schedule and allows for better alignment with established County policies.

**Q How is this to be scheduled? Communicated? Enforced?**

**A** The proposal is to follow a plan similar or identical to the County's designated three day per week water schedule based on address. The City will be undertaking a comprehensive communications effort using the City's website, newsletters, press releases and social media. It will be enforced through the existing City Code Enforcement personnel and the proposal will contain a generous warning period without penalties to coincide with the communication outreach efforts.

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**Q** I was promised I would NEVER have to deal with lawn watering restrictions again and any new rules should have a grandfather provision. Not the deal I signed up for. Are you planning to reduce the bill accordingly? We aren't California or in a drought. Why is this necessary?

**A** The City purchases its reclaimed water from Pinellas County on a per gallon basis, and is dependent on their availability and prices. The City is concerned about future cost increases and is looking to this proposal and others to help conserve not only water but the level of future cost increases.

**Q** We need to water more frequently. What about plants and flowers that need to establish?

**A** Best practices include infrequent, deep watering for lawn health. Experts caution against overwatering and generally agree that watering lawns no more than twice a week is sufficient for lawn health. The proposal can include an establishment period for new vegetation similar or identical to the 60-day exemption period the County uses. For more information about maintaining healthy lawns within watering limitations, please contact Pinellas County Extension at **727-582-2100** or **[gardenhelp@pinellascounty.org](mailto:gardenhelp@pinellascounty.org)**.

**Q** Everyone can't water the same days as the pressure is currently awful.

**A** St. Pete Beach purchases its reclaimed water from Pinellas County and is dependent upon them for availability. Conservation efforts on our part can only help Pinellas County deliver better services.

**Q** We could save more water by fixing broken sprinklers and leaks.

**A** Limiting our use of reclaimed water to three days per week is only one part of comprehensive water conservation strategy. Thank you for reminding us of the importance of fixing broken sprinklers and leaks!

