

Southbay Irrigation System - Restrictions

Southbay's approved irrigation plan is different from the plan which governs most residential property in Sarasota County. Southbay's variance was approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) in May 2000, and includes the following irrigation schedule, and other restrictions, as follows:

The approved plan includes a map of the Southbay subdivision which divides the subdivision into six zones. This map showing the six zones can be found on pages 16 and 17 of the 2007 Southbay phone directory, and an updated version will remain a component of future directories.

The plan, approved in 2000, and updated for more recent changes implemented by Sarasota County, allows for watering as follows:

- 1. Lawns and landscapes in Zone 1 may be watered only on Fridays.**
- 2. Lawns and landscapes in Zone 2 may be watered only on Wednesdays.**
- 3. Lawns and landscapes in Zone 3 may be watered only on Tuesdays.**
- 4. Lawns and landscapes in Zone 4 may be watered only on Mondays.**
- 5. Lawns and landscapes in Zone 5 may be watered only on Saturdays.**
- 6. Lawns and landscapes in Zone 6 may be watered only on Sundays.**
- 7. No watering is permitted between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
- 8. No portion of a lawn may be watered more than once on each allowable irrigation day, and the lawn should only be watered for the amount of time required to provide ½ to ¾ inch of supplemental irrigation each time it is watered.**
- 9. There is an exemption to the "once a day" watering described in item 8 above to allow the ability to water-in pesticides and similar lawn chemicals according to instructions provided.**
- 10. Supplemental irrigation (including vegetable gardens, flower beds and other non-lawn areas) is permitted during allowable watering hours so long as soaker hoses, hand watering or other low volume technology is used.**
- 11. Each property owner should be urged to install and maintain an on-site rain gauge.**
- 12. Wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited.**

The information above summarizes the SWFWMD approved watering plan and schedule for Southbay residents utilizing the irrigation system. A copy of the complete SWFWMD approval document is available at the management office at the Clubhouse.