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This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in south Florida.

Commercial Water Use Restrictions

For Monroe County. Effective 5/6/09.

Plant Nurseries

- Overhead Irrigation Restrictions:
 - **Inside:** Allowed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week.
 - **Outside:** Allowed from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR from 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week.
- External bench misting is allowed for 10 minutes per bench zone during daylight hours.
- Stress reduction irrigation for containerized nursery stock is allowed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for 10 minutes per zone.
- Low-volume irrigation, including micro-jet and drip systems and hand-watering, shall be voluntarily reduced.
- Flood irrigation systems are restricted to 8 days per month.

Violations

Residential and commercial water restrictions are mandatory and will be enforced by South Florida Water Management District staff, local governments and law enforcement agencies.

Residential fines vary by municipality, but typically range from \$25 to \$125 for a first offense. Civil penalties for violations of restrictions by District permittees and commercial users begin at \$1,500 and can increase depending on the severity and frequency of the violation.

For more information on water shortage restrictions, visit our web site at www.sfwmd.gov/watershortage, or call our Water Conservation Hotline at (800) 662-8876.



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