<u>Landscape Irrigation Water Restrictions</u> <u>Residents & Businesses – Effective 3/1/10</u>

Miami-Dade County Code Section 32-8.2

The intent and purpose of this code is to protect the water resources of Miami-Dade County, Florida from the harmful effects of over utilization, increase water use efficiency, and prevent/curtail wasteful water use practices by providing mandatory year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures.

Landscape Irrigation:

Restrictions apply to all users of any water resource within Miami-Dade County, whether from publicly or privately owned water utility systems, private wells, or private connections with surface water bodies. Landscape Irrigation for all property types and sizes is allowed 2 days a week on the schedule below.

<u>Odd-numbered address:</u> Wednesday and Saturday – 12 A.M. to 10 A.M. and/or 4 P.M. to 11:59 P.M.

<u>Even-number address, installations with irrigation systems that irrigate both even and odd addresses, including</u> <u>multi-family units, homeowners associations and commercial complexes/retail shopping centers:</u> Thursday and Sunday 12 A.M. to 10 A.M. and/or 4 P.M. to 11:59 P.M.

For the most efficient use of water, avoid irrigating during both time periods on the same day. Most lawns need only ¾ to 1 inch of water per week. Watering is not allowed between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. However, drip, bubble, and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time.

New Plantings, Sod or Landscape:

On the day the new landscaping is installed, the new landscaping may be irrigated once without regard to the normally allowable watering days and times.

Irrigation of new landscaping which has been purchased for 90 days or less may be conducted on any day except Friday. Irrigation of new landscaping is limited to areas containing the new landscaping only. An entire zone of an irrigation system shall only be utilized for landscape irrigation under this paragraph if the zone in question is for an area that contains at least fifty (50) percent new landscaping. If a zone contains less than fifty (50) percent new landscaping, or if the new landscaping is in an area that will not typically be irrigated by an irrigation system, only the individual new plantings are eligible for additional irrigation under this paragraph. Targeted watering may be accomplished by low-volume hand watering, or any appropriate method which isolates and waters only the new landscaping.

<u>Fertilizer, Insecticide, Fungicide, and Herbicide Water-In (apply with water):</u> Should be done during normally allowable watering days and times unless a professional licensed applicator has posted a temporary sign containing the date of application and the date(s) of needed watering-in activity.

<u>Irrigation System Repair:</u> Allowed during restricted days and times for cleaning, testing, maintenance, and repair not more than once per week. Run time should not exceed 10 minutes per zone. <u>An attendant must be on site</u> in the area being tested and/or repaired.

Reclaimed Water: Any landscaping may be irrigated with reclaimed water without regard for the watering days or times.