

How To Have A Beautiful Lawn Under Current Water Conservation Restrictions



1. Using the water conservation phased restrictions, condition your lawn to require watering only once a week.
2. Alter and adjust your fertilizing schedule to include fertilizer applications with low amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus and increased amounts of potassium. Ask for these types of fertilizers (9-2-24) at your local garden store and through fertilizer distributors. They are available.
3. If you are unable to find a fertilizer with low amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus and increased amounts of potassium, consider applying potash (potassium) on your lawn. Look for levels of 0-0-62 or 0-0-50 on the potash bags.
4. Do not fertilize or use pesticides on lawns -- or sections of lawn -- that are already dead.
5. Do not apply weed controls on drought stressed grass.
6. Mow at the highest setting your mower can be set at. By mowing at the higher level you will have to mow more frequently, but this will produce a lawn with deeper, more extensive root system. A deeper root system will result in better tolerance to environmental stresses such as drought, shade and traffic.
7. Request that your lawn care service or landscape company alter their management program to comply with water conservation restrictions and to adapt fertilizing applications to compliment irrigation schedules.
8. Check your sprinkler system and sprinkler heads to make sure they are working efficiently that that the irrigation timer is set in accordance with water conservation restrictions.
9. Replenish mulch around in landscaping beds and be careful to keep mulch away from the base of tree trunks.
10. Monitor for chinch bugs. Treat the pests with over the counter products or contact the Broward County Extension Education Division for alternative methods.
11. Stay off the grass. Avoid allowing foot traffic and parking whenever possible

**For more information, contact the Broward County Extension Education Division at
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C-11 West Canal Basin

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS



These recommendations for sustaining Broward landscapes during the current water conservation restrictions were developed by the C-11 West Canal Basin Working Group. This group has been working together over the last year to involve C-11 Basin residents in pollution prevention practices in this west Broward canal basin. Over the course of a year, the following landscaping interests and industries, government agencies, colleges, universities, community groups and environmental organizations worked together to develop turfgrass and landscaping practices that will reduce pollution without sacrificing the basin's urban landscapes:

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

- Certified Pest Control Operators Association of Florida, Inc.
- Florida Fertilizer and Agrachemical Association
- Florida Nurseryman & Growers Association
- Florida Pest Control Association
- Florida Professional Applicators Alliance
- Florida Turfgrass Association, Inc.
- South FL Aquatic Plant Management Society

INDUSTRIES

- Arbor Grow
- Allstate Resource Management
- Cooper Aquatic Services, Inc.
- Fulton Lawn Spray Services
- Lesco, Inc.
- Stomp -Em Pest Control
- TruGreen-ChemLawn
- TruGreen-LandCare
- Truly Nolen

WATER MANAGERS

- Central Broward Water Control District
- South FL Water Management District
- South Broward Drainage District

COUNTY AGENCIES

- Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection
- Broward County Extension Education Division (FL Yards and Neighborhoods)

STATE AGENCIES

- FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- FL Department of Community Affairs
- FL Department of Environmental Protection
- FL Department of Transportation
- South FL Water Management District

FEDERAL AGENCIES

- United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Broward Community College
- University of Florida – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (Florida Yards and Neighborhoods)

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Broward County Farm Bureau
- South Florida Trail Riders of Broward County

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council
- The Nature Conservancy
- Broward County Sierra Club