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Southwest Florida Water Management District's (SWFMD) maintains once-per-week lawn watering and other restrictions in the District's northern region, which includes Citrus

Due to lingering drought effects and water resources not recovering as quickly as other areas, the Southwest Florida Water Management District's (District) Governing Board voted July 25 to maintain once-per-week lawn watering and other restrictions in the District's northern region, which includes Citrus, Hernando, Levy and portions of Lake, Marion and Sumter counties. The restrictions for the District's northern region will remain in effect through Oct. 1, 2017.

Under the modified phase III restrictions, lawn watering is reduced to once-per-week and allowable watering hours also are reduced. Micro-irrigation and hand watering of non-lawn areas are still allowed any day, if needed. Additionally, there are limits on car washing and homeowners' associations may not enforce any deed restrictions which could cause an increase in water use. Additional details regarding the watering of new lawns and plants, reclaimed water and other water uses can be found at [//WaterMatters.org/restrictions](http://WaterMatters.org/restrictions).

The District considers both natural water resource conditions and the viability of public supply when deciding to declare, modify, or remove a water shortage order. For the past 20 years, the District has worked diligently with its partners to develop alternative water supplies.

The District encourages water conservation year-round, and offers many tips to reduce water use and additional information at [//WaterMatters.org/conservation](http://WaterMatters.org/conservation). You can also visit the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, Water Conservation webpage for important water conservation information, links, rebates and programs at <http://www.citrusbocc.com/waterres/conservation/conservation.htm>.

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