



# Conserving Water

## Solutions for Your Landscape

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## Handwatering

When Florida's water management districts limit landscape watering, you can typically only water one or two days per week.

Handwatering means using a watering can, pail, or hose to irrigate plants. It's usually allowed more frequently than automatic irrigation for landscape plants and new lawns, although it may be allowed for only ten minutes per day. Check for restrictions on handwatering in your area.

Handwatering is a good technique for irrigating potted plants, shrubs, trees, vegetables, and flower beds. It uses a lot less water than automatic irrigation systems and you're less likely to lose water to evaporation and wind drift.

Just make sure you don't overwater—plants often need less water than people think. To help cut down on waste, don't leave your hose unattended when it's running, and use an automatic shutoff nozzle.

Most importantly, learn to recognize the signs of wilt. Wilt doesn't mean your plants are dying. It just means they need water. Let them tell you when to water!

This public service announcement is brought to you by Gardening in a Minute. For more information about water conservation, visit Gardening in a Minute dot com or contact your University of Florida/IFAS county Extension office.

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