

## COMMUNITY NOTICE:

### PHASE III EXTREME WATER SHORTAGE IN EFFECT

Marion County is currently under a Phase III – Extreme Water Shortage Order issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). This requires immediate and strict water conservation efforts from all residents and businesses.

#### **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**

To help protect our water supply during these severe dry conditions, the following restrictions are now in effect:

##### **Landscape Irrigation**

- Limited to ONE day per week
- Water only on your assigned day and within allowed hours
- Avoid overwatering and runoff

##### **Car Washing**

- Allowed only on your irrigation day
- Must use a hose with a shutoff nozzle

##### **Decorative Water Features**

- May operate no more than 4 hours per day
- Hours of operation must be posted

##### **Restaurants**

- Drinking water will be served by request only

#### **IMPORTANT ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

- Citations can be issued without warning
- All residents and businesses are expected to comply immediately

## PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

- Wasteful or unnecessary water use (e.g., water running into streets or sidewalks)
- Irrigating during rain or with broken systems
- Pressure washing or non-essential outdoor water use

## HOA & COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

- **HOAs cannot require:**
  - New landscaping or plant replacement
  - Pressure washing
  - Any actions that increase water use

## EVERY DROP COUNTS

All water users—residential, commercial, and utility—must reduce water consumption. These measures are critical to protecting our shared water resources during ongoing drought conditions.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Check irrigation systems for leaks or overspray
- Use drought-tolerant landscaping and mulch
- Turn off systems during rain
- Be mindful of every gallon used

*Thank you for doing your part to conserve water  
and support our community during this time.*