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Special Summer 2004 Web-only Issue

# City Steps Up Water Conservation Program

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**Water-gram**  
City of Naples, Public Works Department *Special Irrigation Edition*

## CITY OFFERS FREE RAIN SENSORS

*Installation Included!*

NAPLES, Fla.—The City of Naples Public Works Department is offering free rain sensors to water customers within the City's water service district. The free service includes the sensor, installation and reprogramming of irrigation timers.

The program, sponsored by a water conservation grant from the Big Cypress Basin, will allow City approved contractors to provide and install rain sensors to both residents and businesses.

Those wanting to participate in the program should fill out a Rain Sensor Request form. Forms are available at the City's Public Works Operations Center, 380 Riverside Circle and at the Customer Service counter at City Hall, 735 6<sup>th</sup> Street South. Forms can also be downloaded from the web at [www.naples.com](http://www.naples.com). Completed forms can be dropped off, mailed to the Public Works Operations Center, 380 Riverside Circle, or faxed to (239) 213-4715.

**Save Water \* Save Money**

For more information call 213-4745

May 13, 2004

Keeth Kipp, Information Coordinator (239) 213-4745

## **CITY OF NAPLES OFFERS FREE RAIN SENSORS**

NAPLES, Fla. — We've all been driving down the road during a rain storm and seen a lawn two inches deep in storm water with the sprinkler system running. City of Naples Public Works officials hope to remedy this by offering free rain sensors to water customers within the City's water service district.

The program, sponsored by a water conservation grant from the Big Cypress Basin, will allow City technicians to provide and install rain sensors for up to approximately 3,000 users.

According to Robert Middleton, Utilities Director for the City of Naples, the program will greatly assist the City in its water conservation efforts. "Approximately 70 percent of all potable water is used for irrigation. By taking advantage of the heavy seasonal rainfall and eliminating the redundancy of irrigating property that doesn't need to be watered, we'll reduce the burden on our existing water resources."

Middleton said that the long-term benefits of such a program included delaying well fields additions and expanding the capacity of the water treatment plant. "This is just one part of a major water conservation effort that will help reduce the use of potable water," he said. Southwest Florida is under water restrictions, which allow residents and businesses to only water on certain days of the week. As part of the sensor program, technicians will also reset irrigation timers to run in conjunction with the City's water restrictions. Technicians will also distribute information on water conservation and instructions on how to clean the sensor. City officials emphasized that sensors can only be installed on electronic irrigation timers.

Middleton said that watering is only allowed three times per week from 12:01 to 8 a.m. "Even addresses are allowed to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; and odd addresses are allowed to water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday." He recommended that sprinkler systems be set to run three times per week at approximately 20 minutes per zone. "This is sufficient to provide deep watering to lawns and shrubbery. Less frequent but longer watering times is actually better for vegetation because it promotes deeper more drought-resistant roots," he said.

City ordinance requires that all new irrigation systems be equipped with rain sensors. A rain sensor turns off an irrigation system after precipitation is registered. The irrigation timer is then automatically reset to run during the next watering cycle.

Middleton hopes that many customers within the water service district will be able to take advantage of the program. He said that sensors will be installed on a first come first serve basis and emphasized that sensors can only be installed on electric, non-mechanical systems able to accept a sensor.

Those wanting to participate in the program should fill out a Rain Sensor Request form. Forms are available at the City's Public Works Operations Center, 380 Riverside Circle and at the Customer Service counter at City Hall, 735 8<sup>th</sup> Street South. Forms can also be downloaded from the web at [www.naples.com](http://www.naples.com). Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the Public Works Operations Center, 380 Riverside Circle; or faxed to (239) 213-4715.

Individuals wishing to install the sensors themselves can pick up a unit at the Public Works Operations Center by showing identification listing an address within the water service district.

For more information, call the City of Naples Public Works Department at 213-4745.

## The City of Naples Irrigation Restriction Schedule

**Odd Numbered Addresses:** Irrigation is permitted three days per week: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.

**Even Numbered Addresses:** Irrigation is permitted three days per week: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.

For both addresses above, low volume hand watering is permitted between 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the use of automatic self-canceling or closing nozzle.



**New Lawn & Landscape:** (for lawns & shrubs less than 30 days old) Monday through Friday: 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. for all types of irrigation. Low volume hand watering with the use of automatic self-canceling or closing nozzle.

**Irrigation Systems:** (Cleaning, Adjusting, Repairing) Existing Systems—30 minutes per zone per week. New Systems—30 minutes per zone on a one time basis.

**Other Outdoor Uses:** Cars, Boats, Sidewalks & Exterior Home Surfaces: All of these other outdoor uses are allowed anytime with the use of low volume pressure cleaning equipment and/or water hose. Water hoses shall be equipped with an automatic self-canceling or closing nozzle.

**Pesticide Application:** All lots—application will be coordinated in conjunction with the same schedule as lawn and landscape watering (with voluntary reduction). If applied outside of the allowed hours, a licensed pesticide technician must be on the premises.

**For more information, call us at (239) 213-4745 or  
visit us at [www.naplespublicworks.com](http://www.naplespublicworks.com)**

# FPL Tree Trimming Scheduled

The Letter below is being sent to FPL customers

July 7, 2004

Customer Name  
123 Main Street  
Anytown, FL 33326

Re: Premise Address

Dear Customer Name:

In order to provide safe and reliable electric service, FPL trims trees to keep them from interfering with our electrical lines and equipment. When trees do interfere, they can cause electric service interruptions as well as potential safety problems. As part of FPL's vegetation maintenance plan, an FPL authorized line clearing contractor will be working in your area in the coming weeks. If underground lines serve your home, crews may still be in your area trimming the overhead power lines that supply electricity to your neighborhood.

**If trees or vegetation on your property require trimming away from power lines, a contractor representative will contact you, either in person or by leaving a notice on your door, 1 to 4 days prior to work beginning.**

Maintenance trimming will only be performed where needed, and in a manner that promotes good tree health while redirecting new growth away from the power lines. Any debris left by the trimming crews will be removed by a specialized crew on the same day as trimmed.

Because your safety is important to us, we ask that you not attempt to trim any trees or vegetation growing near or on any overhead power lines. Only specially-trained line clearing professionals should do this work.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please call Vegetation Management at (866) 274-9098, and refer to Work Order IWR ~~000001~~ & ~~000002~~.

Sincerely,



Rebecca A Daniels  
SR Utility Arborist

You may find this hanging from your doorknob if you are not home when the FPL crew arrives.



FPL's authorized tree clearing contractor will be performing necessary tree work on your property within the next 1-4 business days.

To allow tree trimmers safe access make sure:

- Pets are secured
- Gates are unlocked
- Pathways are clear (boats, cars, etc.) for safe removal of debris (All debris will be removed by end of day.)

Your safety is very important. You should not attempt to trim any vegetation growing near or on overhead power lines. Only specially trained line clearing professionals should work around power lines.

For questions or concerns please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Work request #: \_\_\_\_\_

FPL uses qualified arborists who follow guidelines for trimming trees recommended by the International Society of Arboriculture and the National Arborist Association.

### Pruning Guidelines

These forms may be necessary to clear trees from power lines.

We may remove entire branches that are growing toward the lines, and branches that, when cut, would re-sprout and grow toward the lines.

For information about this important topic call 1-800-225-3245 to receive FPL's free "Guide To Trees And Power Lines" or visit our website at [www.FPL.com](http://www.FPL.com).

If your property requires special attention, contact FPL



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