



We are special.

We're committed to a plan that will let us manage water costs, protect the environment and give us the high quality water we need. Instead of building costly alternative water supply facilities to meet our needs, we're going to focus on conservation. Lots of places have conservation programs. Ours is different. Our plan includes incentives for purchasing water-conserving fixtures in homes and businesses—and new water and energy conserving fixtures in City buildings, too.

The South Florida Water Management District sets the rules for water use in our region. For developers and builders and industry and business, they can be complex, but for homeowners any water restrictions are pretty clear. Our website has a link to the District's rules so that you always have access to the latest information.

In the meantime, our leaders, our Green Advisory Committee and our utility are working on some programs that are fun, educational, great for our neighborhoods, homeowners and families and offer incentives for conservation excellence.

Let's see what we can do.

**This is Someplace Special –
Cooper City Rules!**

For more ideas on how you can
conserve and preserve water, visit
the Cooper City Utilities website at
www.CooperCityRules.com



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Be the leader get started today



Follow the rules

Follow your watering restrictions, but don't water just because it's your approved watering day. Water only when your lawn shows signs of stressed grass. Watering restrictions can be found at www.sfwmd.gov by clicking on the **Water Restrictions** link.

Saving water helps **protect the environment** and **saves money, too**. If you aren't already, try some of these ideas for **indoor** and **outdoor conservation**.

Bathroom

- Avoid unnecessary toilet flushes – dispose of tissues, insects and other similar wastes in the trash, rather than the toilet.
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth and shaving.
- Take shorter showers by limiting shower time to five minutes.
- In the shower, turn on water to get wet, turn off water to lather up, then turn water back on to rinse.



Kitchen

- Operate the dishwasher only when there's a full load.
 - Don't rinse dishes before loading the dishwasher.
 - Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.
 - When washing dishes by hand, avoid letting water run continuously in the rinsing sink.



Laundry

- Select the minimum water volume required per load.
- Only use washer when there are full loads.
- Use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads; normal and permanent press wash cycles use more water.
- Pre treat stains to avoid rewashing.



Irrigation

- Irrigate your lawn only when it shows signs of stress from lack of water.
- Water your lawn in the morning to minimize evaporation and avoid watering on windy days.
- Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater to water plants.
- Install a rain sensor switch to override irrigation systems when it's raining.



Fertilization

- Do not apply fertilizer when more than one inch of rain is expected in the next 48 hours.
- Fertilize in moderation. More is not necessarily better.
- Read and follow fertilizer label instructions.

Mowing

- Raise your lawn mower blade to the highest setting on your lawn mower.
- Mow regularly, cutting no more than one-third of the grass length to encourage roots to grow deeper and grass blades to hold more moisture.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Dull blades tear grass, opening it to disease and causing it to appear tan and ragged.
- Leave short grass clippings where they fall, reducing the lawns need for water and fertilizer.

