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Changes To Irrigation Days Coming For Tampa Residents on March 14

TAMPA, FL (Feb. 8, 2010) – When Tampa residents reset their clocks to 'spring forward' into daylight saving time on March 14, they will have another change to make. Tampa City Council approved Code changes last week that will enact new irrigation days for locations in Tampa on the same day as the time change.

Beginning March 14, locations in Tampa will have the following once-per-week irrigation schedule:

- addresses ending in 0 or 1 - Monday
- addresses ending in 2 or 3 - Tuesday
- addresses ending in 4 or 5 - Wednesday
- addresses ending in 6 or 7 - Thursday
- addresses ending in 8 or 9, locations with no address (common areas, entry areas), and locations with mixed addresses (office complexes, shopping centers) - Friday
- allowed irrigation times remain at once between 12:01 a.m. and 8 a.m. or between 6 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on the designated day.

Tampa's current once-per-week irrigation schedule under Emergency Ordinance 2009-81 will remain in effect until 12:01 a.m. on March 14, 2010.

All City of Tampa Utility customers will be notified of the new irrigation schedule in their bill, starting on Feb. 15. The Department is also working with local irrigation and landscape providers, professional associations, and community groups to enlist their assistance in notifying their customers and members of the change. Water use violation citations will continue to be issued on first observance.

The Water Conservation Code revision brings Tampa in line with recent revisions by SWFWMD to their year-round rules, improves water system operations, improves water restriction enforcement and provides irrigation schedule consistency for all of Tampa Water Department's customers, inside and outside the City limits.

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Changes in local and regional water supply conditions can result in changes in Water Use Restrictions. Up-to-date information on the irrigation schedule in effect for Tampa can be found online at www.TampaGov.net/WaterRestrictions or at by calling Tampa's automated Water Restrictions Hotline at (813) 274-8032.

Be notified automatically about restrictions changes, upcoming workshops, conservation events and other Water Department information by subscribing to the Tampa Water Department's Customer Newsletter, The Pipeline, at www.TampaGov.net/Water or the Water Department Real Simple Syndication (RSS) feed available at www.TampaGov.net/appl_rss_feeds/

The Tampa Water Department serves a 211-square mile area with a service population of approximately 652,000 people. The Tampa Water Department's mission is to provide superior drinking water and reclaimed water services to its customers.

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