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Ocoee Residents, Businesses Urged to Reduce Water Use Amid Statewide Shortage

OCOEE, Fla. – In concurrence with the Water Shortage Warning Order issued by the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, the City of Ocoee is appealing to residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce water consumption. A prolonged drought is anticipated; increased awareness and water conservation now can help protect water resources and potentially prevent supply issues while dry conditions persist.

As more than half of domestic water use occurs outdoors, the most efficient and effective way to conserve is to irrigate in accordance with Chapter 175 of the Ocoee Code of Ordinances. Home and business owners utilizing potable water for irrigation should ensure that timers are set correctly per the ordinance, including but not limited to: not irrigating more than the two-day-per-week schedule, not running more than one hour per zone, not applying more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch depth of water per irrigation day, and not irrigating between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Irrigation observed outside of allotted days and times is subject to strict violations.

For more information on the Daylight Saving Time irrigation schedule and watering restrictions, visit www.ocoee.org/150/Water-Conservation or contact the city's Water Conservation Division at 407-554-7229.

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