

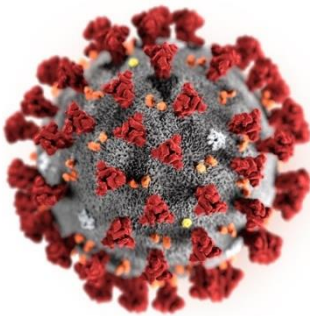


# WATER USAGE Report Card

## MANTEE COUNTY UTILITIES 2019 REPORT

The 2019 edition of the Water Usage Report Card presents latest information on COVID-19 virus, water consumption, water rates, Manatee County watering restrictions and water conservation programs.

### Drinking Water and Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)



There is no higher priority for Manatee County Utilities Department than protecting the health and safety of Manatee County residents. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the risk to water supplies is low, and the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies. Manatee County residents can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual. The County Government encourages the residents to help keep household plumbing and our County's infrastructure operating properly by only flushing toilet paper. Disinfecting wipes and other items should be disposed of in the trash, not the toilet.

#### How we ensure that drinking water remains safe?

EPA has established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water. These treatment requirements include filtration and disinfectants such as chlorine that remove or kill pathogens before they reach the tap. Manatee County Utilities maintains full compliance with these regulations. Additionally, the World Health Organization (WHO) notes that, *"conventional, centralized water treatment methods which utilize filtration and disinfection should inactivate COVID-19 virus."*

#### If you own a private well

Owners of private wells are responsible for ensuring that their water is safe from contaminants. Private wells should be checked every year for mechanical problems, cleanliness, and the presence of coliform bacteria, nitrates, and any other contaminants of local concern. Florida Department of Health or water well systems professional can help ensure delivery of high-quality water from an existing well or, if needed, help locate and construct a new well in a safer area. Additional information about well maintenance and water testing is available on [Florida Department of Health](#) or [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) websites.

#### Where can I find the most up-to-date information and resources about water and Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

- [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

#### Additional Resources

- [World Health Organization](#)

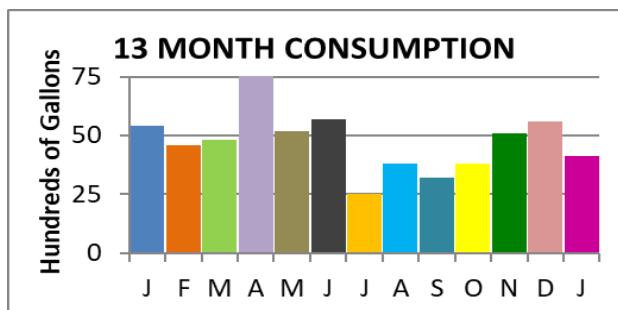
For more information check our website at [www.mymanatee.org/water](http://www.mymanatee.org/water)

## How Do You Compare?

The average monthly consumption for residential, multi-family, mobile/travel trailer, and irrigation categories is shown below:

Category	Average Monthly Use in Gallons	Average Monthly Use in Hundreds of Gallons*
Single family Homes	4,903	49
Multi-Family Homes	3,007	30
Mobile/Travel Trailers	2,474	25
Irrigation	8,761	88

\*Hundreds of gallons as it appears on your utility bill



The average household of 4 should have a consumption of less than **5,000 gallons** per month. Where does your household stand? Remember to keep an eye on the 13 months period chart located on your bill in the bottom left hand corner, to see if your water usage has increased or decreased. Your water bill is determined by your usage and the established water rates.

## UF/IFAS Manatee County Extension

The Manatee County Extension Office provides services for all Manatee County residents. The table below shows the results of their efforts for the past year.

### Extension Service Water Conservation Educational Program at a Glance

Classes/Workshops held	154
Workshop attendance	30,624
Irrigation/Landscape evaluations	350
Participants at displays/exhibits	1,486
Publications distributed	193,049

To learn about available classes and to register go to the [Manatee County Extension Service](#) website.

### Free Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations for Homeowners

All residential and business properties in Manatee County with automatic sprinkler systems qualify for a **No-Cost Landscape and Irrigation Evaluation** with the County's mobile irrigation lab. Call the Manatee County Extension Office at **941-722-4524** to schedule a free evaluation. To learn more about the mobile irrigation lab and how evaluations are conducted, you can view the video on the [Manatee County Extension Service](#) website.

## Manatee County Water Rates

The current water rates are shown below and are available on the [Manatee County Utilities](http://www.mymanatee.org/utilities) website. These rates are established to discourage excessive use and/or waste of our highly treated potable water supply.

### Monthly Individual Meter Base Charge by Meter Size

Size	Individual Water	Irrigation	Wastewater
<b>5/8" X 3/4"</b>	\$9.45	\$9.45	\$22.54
<b>3/4"</b>	\$12.78	\$12.78	\$32.29
<b>1"</b>	\$19.45	\$19.45	\$51.73
<b>1 1/2"</b>	\$36.14	\$36.14	\$100.40

### Monthly Master Meter Base Charge per Unit

Type	Individual Water	Wastewater
<b>Residential</b>	\$7.11	\$20.34
<b>Multi - Family</b>	\$5.09	\$13.61
<b>Mobile/Travel</b>	\$3.89	\$10.88

### Monthly Rates Per 1,000 Gallons of Potable Water

#### Individual Residential Meters and Master Metered Single Family Dwellings

First 6,000 gallons	\$2.28
Next 9,000 gallons	\$2.85
Next 5,000 gallons	\$6.84
Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.27

#### Master Metered Condos/Apartments, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailer Parks

First 6,000 gallons	\$2.28
Next 9,000 gallons	\$2.85
Next 5,000 gallons	\$6.84
Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.27

#### Irrigation Meter – 1" and Smaller

First 5,000 gallons	\$2.28
Next 15,00 gallons	\$6.84
Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.27

#### Irrigation Meter – 1 1/2" and Larger

First 5,000 gallons	\$2.28
Next 10,000 gallons	\$2.85
Next 15,000 gallons	\$3.68
Next 30,000 gallons	\$5.66
Next 40,000 gallons	\$6.84
Over 100,000 gallons	\$10.27

#### Reclaimed Water Rates

Individual metered residential, commercial and industrial.	\$0.89
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#### Wastewater (Sewer) Quantity Charge\*

Individual metered residential, commercial and industrial	\$5.03
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*\*The Wastewater (Sewer) Quantity Charge is based on 100% of water usage, and the maximum monthly wastewater charge for residential individually metered customers is capped at 10,000 gallons of potable water consumption. This charge covers the cost of operating the wastewater collection system and variable costs at the three Wastewater Treatment Plants, such as chemicals and electricity.*

## Watering Restrictions Information

In Manatee County, there are specific days and times when you may water your yard. The allowable days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address.

ADDRESSES ENDING IN...	MAY WATER ON...
EVEN NUMBERS (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	THURSDAY AND/OR SUNDAY
ODD NUMBERS (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	WEDNESDAY AND/OR SATURDAY
NO ADDRESS	TUESDAY AND/OR SUNDAY

Irrigation of existing lawns and landscaping shall be limited to once a day, two times per week. Irrigation is allowed only **before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.**

*Restrictions apply to all potable (drinking) water and all irrigation waters that come from wells, surface water sources including retention ponds, rivers, lakes, etc. Violations of this directive carry fines up to \$10,000 as provided for under Florida Statute §373.129(5).*

For questions regarding watering restrictions, or to report watering violation, email [water.saver@mymanatee.org](mailto:water.saver@mymanatee.org) or call **941 792-8811** extension **5327**.

## Cross Connection Control Program

Every customer who owns a backflow prevention assembly is required to have the assembly tested annually. Testing must be completed by a contractor registered with the Cross Connection Control office. The list of certified testers can be found on [Manatee County Utilities](http://www.manatee.org/ManateeCountyUtilities) website.

**Backflow preventers are required for properties with any of the following conditions:**

- In-ground irrigation system;
- Secondary source of water, such as reclaimed water or well;
- Swimming pool;
- Fire sprinkler system;
- Flood zone designation;
- Property located near a body of water, including river, bay, lake or pond;
- Commercial, industrial, multistory or multifamily residential facility;
- Cross connection found.

For more information regarding your backflow prevention assembly, email [water.saver@mymanatee.org](mailto:water.saver@mymanatee.org) or call **941-792-8811** extension **5267** or **5283**.

## Toilet Rebate Program

Manatee County Water Conservation Program will rebate up to **\$100** per toilet when you replace your pre-1995 high-flow toilet (3.5 gallons or more per flush) with an ultra-low flow toilet (1.28 gallons per flush or less). To apply for a rebate, email [MCRebate77@yahoo.com](mailto:MCRebate77@yahoo.com) or call **1-800-964-2140**. Rebate Program limited to Manatee County water account customers (includes customers in Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach). The Indoor Water (Toilet) Conservation Rebate Program is cooperatively funded by Manatee County Utilities Department (MCUD) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)