



WATER USAGE Report Card

MANATEE COUNTY UTILITIES 2025 REPORT

The 2025 edition of the Water Usage Report Card highlights the Manatee County watering restrictions, free landscape and irrigation evaluations for homeowners, presents the latest information on water consumption, newly updated toilet rebate program, water rates, rain barrels, and the water conservation rebate program.

Watering Restrictions Information

Manatee County is following the watering restrictions set forth by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The District's Modified Phase III "Extreme" Water Shortage restrictions are in effect April 3, 2026, and expire July 1, 2026. Irrigation restrictions are subject to change, please visit www.mymanatee.org/water for the most current information.

Lawn Watering Days and Times

Address with "house numbers" ...	May only irrigate on ...
Ending in 0 or 1	Monday
Ending in 2 or 3	Tuesday
Ending in 4 or 5	Wednesday
Ending in 6 or 7	Thursday
Ending in 8 or 9	Friday
No address (community common areas, etc.)	Friday

- Properties under one acre may only water from 12:01a.m. to 4a.m. or 8p.m. to 11:59p.m. (Must Choose One).
- Properties one acre or larger may water only before 4 a.m. or after 8 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 \$15,000 as provided for under Florida Statute §373.129(5).

For questions regarding watering restrictions, variances, or to report watering violations, email water.conservaion@mymanatee.org or call **941-792-8811** extension **5327**.

Free Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations for Homeowners

All residential and commercial 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 x 1828** to schedule a free evaluation. To learn more about the mobile irrigation lab and how evaluations are conducted, please visit the website at Manatee County Extension Service.



For more information check our website at 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	4,973	50
Multi-Family Homes	2,759	28
Mobile/Travel Trailers	2,955	30
Irrigation	9,408	94

*Hundreds of gallons as it appears on your utility bill

The average household of 4 should have a consumption of around **5,000 gallons** per month. Where does your household stand? Remember to keep an eye on the water usage graph in the Utilities customer self-service portal to see if your water usage has increased or decreased. Your water bill is determined by your usage and the established water rate.



Toilet Rebate Program

Manatee County offers a \$50 to \$100 rebate to customers who replace their old toilet with a new high-efficiency model (1.28 gpf or less). Limit of 2 toilets rebated per residential property (maximum \$100 per toilet). The program is designed to reduce the amount of drinking water used for flushing. Toilets that are 1.6 gpf or larger are considered lower efficiency, while new high-efficiency ones use 1.28 gpf or less. WaterSense toilets can save as much as **13,000 gallons** of water per year in your home. Participants must receive water from the Manatee County Utilities Department and have an active water account. Customers who live in a master metered community must provide the name of the homeowner's association on their application. Rebates for commercial and multi-family properties are also available.

How to participate:

- Take a picture of your old toilet(s) prior to removal, **AND** a picture showing the year or flush volume (1.6gpf or larger) on the bottom of the old lid(s) or inside the old toilet tank(s), usually near the waterline.
- Save the old tank(s) **AND** lid(s) with the date stamps **until your application is approved by staff.** **Physical verification may be required.**
- Submit a picture/copy of your itemized receipt showing paid/\$0 balance.
- Replace your old toilet(s) with a new EPA WaterSense labeled toilet(s) of 1.28 gpf or less.
- Take a picture of the new toilet(s) installed and the EPA WaterSense label.

Apply through your MCUD account at www.mymanatee.org/css, submit an [online](#) application, or download a printable version of the at www.mymanatee.org/water, to mail or email in. You may also email water.conservation@mymanatee.org for any additional information. All required photos must be submitted along with the application. Refer to www.mymanatee.org/water for all details and qualifications.

Manatee County Water Rates

The water rates shown below will be effective on June 1st 2026 and are available on the [Manatee County Utilities](https://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
5/8" X 3/4"	\$12.95	\$12.95	\$30.88
3/4"	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$44.26
1"	\$26.65	\$26.65	\$70.90
1 1/2"	\$49.53	\$49.53	\$137.59

Monthly Master Meter Base Charge per Unit

Type	Individual Water	Wastewater
Residential	\$9.74	\$27.87
Multi - Family	\$6.96	\$18.64
Mobile/Travel	\$5.32	\$14.92

Monthly Rates Per 1,000 Gallons of Potable Water

Individual Residential Meters and Master Metered Single-Family Dwellings

First 6,000 gallons	\$3.11
Next 9,000 gallons	\$3.89
Next 5,000 gallons	\$9.36
Over 20,000 gallons	\$14.07

Master Metered Condos/Apartments

First 4,500 gallons	\$3.11
Next 6,500 gallons	\$3.89
Over 11,000 gallons	\$9.36

Master Metered Mobile Homes and Travel Trailer Parks

First 3,600 gallons	\$3.11
Next 5,400 gallons	\$3.89
Over 9,000 gallons	\$9.36

Irrigation Meter – 1" and Smaller

First 5,000 gallons	\$3.11
Next 15,00 gallons	\$9.36
Over 20,000 gallons	\$14.07

Irrigation Meter – 1 1/2" and Larger

First 5,000 gallons	\$2.97
Next 10,000 gallons	\$3.72
Next 15,000 gallons	\$4.81
Next 30,000 gallons	\$7.41
Next 40,000 gallons	\$8.95
Over 100,000 gallons	\$13.45

Reclaimed Water Rates

Individual metered residential, commercial, and industrial	\$1.17
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Wastewater (Sewer) Quantity Charge*

Individual metered residential, commercial, and industrial	\$6.89
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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.

Rain Barrels

Manatee County's Rain Barrel Program is designed to help residents lower their utility bills and conserve water by using rain barrels to collect and store rainwater for irrigation. Limit 4 per household or business. Rain barrel kits are available at cost for \$48.60 plus sales tax of 7% (total of \$52) and include the following:

- One blue reconditioned 55-gallon plastic drum,
- Debris drain, all necessary PVC fittings and a brass spigot,
- Instructions for assembly and instructions to build a stand (if choosing to build one).

To purchase a rain barrel, please email utilitiescustomerservice@mymanatee.org, submit a request via customer self- service portal, or call customer service at **(941) 792-8811**.



Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate Program

Rebate categories include:

- Irrigation System Repair/Replacement – 50% of cost up to \$1,500.00
- Landscape Retrofit – 50% of cost up to \$1,500.00.
- Rain Sensor/Evapotranspiration Control – 100% of cost up to \$150.00
- Moisture Sensor – 100% of cost up to \$500.00
- WaterSense Smart Irrigation Controller – 50% of cost up to \$500.00
- Irrigation Well (individual) – 50% of cost up to \$2,500.00
- Alternative Water Source – 50% of cost up to \$1,000.00
- Reclaimed Water Connection – 50% of cost up to \$1,000.00



Some restrictions apply. For full program details and to confirm eligibility, please visit our website at www.mymanatee.org/water or email us at water.conservations@mymanatee.org.

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 2025.

Extension Service Water Conservation Educational Program at a Glance

Classes/Workshops held	502
Workshop attendance	12,478
Irrigation/Landscape evaluations	167
Participants at displays/exhibits	1,276
Publications distributed	25,314

To learn about available classes and to register, visit the [Manatee County Extension Service](http://www.mymanatee.org/water) website.