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**SET YOUR AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION TIMER TO
ONCE-A-WEEK WATERING THIS FALL**

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Nov. 7, 2011) – On Sunday, clocks ticked an extra hour and smoke alarm detectors gained new battery life as citizens embraced the end of Daylight Saving Time. Today, Marion County Utilities encourages county residents to take their fall preparation a step further and adjust their automatic irrigation timers to water only once a week.

One-day-a-week landscape irrigation restrictions resumed Nov. 6 for all 18 counties of the St. Johns River Water Management District, including Marion. Because lawns need less water in the cooler months, irrigation in the fall is limited to one day a week. Residents may water only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., and may only apply three-quarters of an inch of water to the irrigation areas.

To adjust their irrigation timers, residents should check their owner's manual for instructions or visit the manufacturer's website. Many manufacturers provide step-by-step guides online to help homeowners determine watering run times or change irrigation days. A local irrigation professional is also a great resource, and the Florida Automated Weather Network (www.fawn.ifas.ufl.edu) provides up-to-date information about local weather conditions to help residents irrigate more efficiently based on their system's design.

Watering restrictions are designed to allow enough water to maintain healthy landscapes year-round and ensure the efficient use of water. Restrictions specify the days and time of day when watering may occur and the amount of water that may be applied. The mandatory restrictions apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, a private well or pump, or a public or private water utility.

For more information, contact Marion County Water Resources at 352-671-8686 or visit www.floridaswater.org.

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