

# WEKIVA TERRACE

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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRINGS TWICE A WEEK WATERING! Watering Days

Time of year	Homes with odd-numbered or no addresses	Homes with even-numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Daylight Saving Time	Wednesday/ Saturday	Thursday/ Sunday	Tuesday/ Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

### Watering Violation Enforcement Process

**First time violators** will receive a warning through a door hanger notice and by certified letter.

**Repeat violators** will be subject to a fine of \$25 per violation. A violator can appeal to a Hearing Officer after a written request is submitted and a \$25 filing fee is made. Failure to pay the fine or to contest the violation within 30 days will be considered an admission of liability and fines may be collected by any available legal means, including adding the fine to the water bill of the account holder. If you have questions regarding the mandatory watering restrictions, or need assistance resetting your irrigation controller, call the Water Division at (407) 254-9850.

### Watering Exception For New Sod/Landscaping

Per County ordinance:

- Residents are allowed to water new sod or landscaping on any day at any time for the initial 30 days after installation, and then every other day for the next 30 days.
- Watering is limited to the amount necessary for the sod or landscape to become established.
- This exception applies only on those specific areas where the new sod/landscaping is located.
- Residents must provide Orange County Utilities with their name, phone number, address, and any receipts for sod and/or landscape purchases to avoid getting a watering violation during sod/landscape establishment.

## Spring Maintenance Reminders:

As we move into springtime and the warmer weather, it is time to take a look around and review our properties for proper maintenance. Below are a few things that need attention so Wekiva Terrace can continue to be a good looking and inviting community.

- Pressure wash driveway, walkways & sidewalks
- Remove mildew from the house. Maybe it's time to repaint. Remember an application must be submitted to the ARB for approval BEFORE painting
- Repair and/or replace deteriorating fences
- Check trees for needed removal of dead palm fronds and branches
- Cut back any low hanging branches over sidewalks and streets
- Remove weeds and/or dead plant materials in the lawn and plant beds.
- Add fresh mulch to plant beds
- Treat lawn and plant beds for weeds & fertilize to encourage healthy growth
- Water lawns and plant beds as allowed by the Orange County guidelines
- Replace dead sod. Consider a lawn service to help maintain healthy grass.
- Store trash and recycle containers out of sight except when placed at the curb for scheduled pickup
- Get approval for outside improvements (like fencing or pavers)

## Pressure wash those sidewalks for safety!

Bleach is the easiest detergent to clean that "mildewy," slippery mess! But vinegar is a good cleaner as well...

## HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR SPRING

### *Interior*

- Change HVAC air filters.
- Clean and inspect window screens for damage.
  - A little work now will keep unwanted pests outside your home.
- Look for moisture in the basement and crawl space.
  - Leaks in these spaces could turn into costly repairs.
- Inspect the air-conditioning system.
  - Trim brush around the unit and clean the coils if necessary.
  - Inspect the washing machine water hoses for cracks and the dryer vent for lint buildup.
  - Inspect the air ducts for buildup of mold, allergens or debris.
- Make sure your sump pump is in working order.

### *Exterior*

- Inspect gutters and downspouts for damage and debris. Working gutters ensure that water is diverted from your home's foundation.
- Trim trees and shrubs that are near the house. This can prevent damage to siding, windows or the roof.
- Inspect caulking around doors and windows for damage or wear. Replace if necessary to increase energy efficiency.
- Inspect wooden decks, railings, windowsills and steps for rot. Repair or replace damaged wood, and touch up paint, or wood finish.
- Pressure wash patios, decks, driveway / walkways, and outdoor furniture. Pressure wash your soffits and siding too, if necessary.
- Inspect outdoor sprinkler heads for damage from landscapers, workers or cold weather. Look for leaking valves and verify the watering schedule on the control panel.
- Inspect and tune up any lawn maintenance equipment. Sharpen tools, charge batteries, lubricate moving parts and replace old gas.
- Clean debris from foundation vents and window wells.



## SPRING FORWARD INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Spring is a wonderful time to be outside and work on your landscape. It's not too hot yet, but it's warm enough that many plants will flourish through this time. Now is a great time to check your irrigation. Make sure it is in good working order for the dryer and warmer months ahead.

**This time of year inspires many people to start new garden projects. If you are one of them, consider the following:**

**Pruning:** Prune azaleas right after the plants finish blooming. This is the time to shape your azaleas. If you are pruning flowering shrubs or trees, prune after the last flowers have withered but before the new buds have set. This guarantees a well-shaped tree or shrub and keeps you from removing the buds for next year's blooms.

**Flower beds:** Remove any dying winter annuals and replace with varieties that will bloom into the warmer months. Plant bulbs like caladiums. Caladiums will grow well throughout the spring and summer. [Consider planting daylilies, which come in early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties to guarantee months of blooms.](#)

As we come into the warmer months, it is important to consider where you are planting your flowers. Remember to look for plants that will do well in the specific areas in your yard. Some plants will thrive in the sun while others will need more shade.

Now is a great time to consider adding a pollinator area to your garden. A pollinator garden helps attract pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Planting Florida natives is a great way to reduce the need for fertilizers and heavy watering. It also adds much needed environment for our native wildlife. Pollinator gardens are a beautiful addition to any landscape. You can find out more by visiting the [Florida Native Plant Society.](#)

**Vegetables and Herbs:** In March and April plant warm-weather-loving vegetables such as:

- squash
- beans
- sweet corn
- cucumbers
- tomatoes
- watermelon
- peppers

