

**MARTIN COUNTY APPLICATION FOR
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATERING SCHEDULE VARIANCE**

Property Owner: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Property Manager/Representative: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell/other: _____ E-mail Address: _____

The following list of variances are in accordance with Martin County’s Ordinance 1173 Implementing the South Florida Water Management District’s Rule for Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures amending Chapter 159 – Water and Sewer, Code of Ordinance, Article 5 – Water Conservation. Check variance type you are applying for:

___ Hardship – Must demonstrate compliance with watering schedule will result in substantial economic, health, or other hardship on the applicant or those served by the applicant.

___ Advanced or Smart Irrigation System. Must demonstrate equipment design, installation and operation meet Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Irrigation Association Section 373.62 Florida Statute or comparable industry standard for evapotranspiration-based or moisture sensing controlled irrigation system. Advanced or Smart Irrigation System installation requires a Martin County Building Department Permit. The owner must submit a copy of all permit documentation including record drawings, schedules, and inspection results certified by a licensed irrigation contractor in compliance with Section 159.134.2.b – Variances.

___ Contiguous Properties divided into different watering zones.

___ Farmer’s Market or Flea Market where primary day of operation coincides with prescribed watering day(s).

___ Place of Worship where primary day of attendance coincides with prescribed watering day(s).

I, _____, Owner of property located at _____ in Martin County, Florida, hereby confirm and attest that application for the selected variance type(s) indicated above is true and correct and that documents to support this variance request and a check/money order for the fee in the amount of \$300 are attached to this application.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

MARTIN COUNTY OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, designee for Martin County, Florida, hereby acknowledge receipt of the application for landscape irrigation watering schedule variance and fee.

Martin County Designee Name

Signature

Date

**MARTIN COUNTY
ADVANCED IRRIGATION VARIANCE PROGRAM**

Dear Property Owner:

Background

Martin County is implementing the South Florida Water Management District's Rule for Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures (40-E24, Florida Administrative Code) for the purpose of implementing procedures that promote water conservation through efficient use of landscape irrigation. Specific two days per week irrigation provisions based on odd/even addresses will take effect on June 12, 2022. Except for the use of reclaimed water, irrigation at agricultural and nursery operations and irrigation of athletic play fields and provisions for new landscaping, irrigation conservation measures will apply to each user providing landscape irrigation from all water resources with the boundaries of unincorporated Martin County.

Advanced Irrigation Variance

Property owners may apply for a variance from the County's standard day-of-week watering regulations if you meet variance criteria or have or are considering the installation of an automatic landscape irrigation system, including the required evapotranspiration-based (ET) or moisture sensing-based controllers. In order to be eligible, you must submit the required Landscape Irrigation Watering Schedule Variance Application (Form A) (see reverse), record drawings and required information of the installation including Advanced Irrigation Variance Certification and Submittal Checklist (Form B) and have it approved by Martin County Utilities Customer Service designee (Form C – Landscape Irrigation Watering Schedule Variance Approval). A one-time fee of \$300 is payable to Martin County and is good for as long as you own your property.

A granted variance does not relieve the property owner from complying with irrigation restrictions contained in a water shortage order or water emergency declaration issued by the South Florida Water Management District or the County or any other governmental entity having jurisdiction.

If you are granted a variance, you will be required to post a sign provided by the County in a location designated by the County. It must always be visible to inform the public of the approved variance.

The variance is good for a period of 5-years. An Advanced Irrigation Variance Certification (Form B) is required to be submitted to the County annually. This form will also be required in the fifth year prior to the variance expiration. If the system complies the variance will be extended another 5 years. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the variance and a fine.

Information and forms are available on Martin County's website www.martin.fl.us and are also available at Martin County Utilities Customer Service 3473 SE Willoughby Blvd. Suite 102, Stuart, FL 34995

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service at (772) 221-1442.

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Utilities & Solid Waste Director