

Utilities Customer Information & Services

April is Water Conservation Month

Celebrate April as Water Conservation Month by harvesting rainwater. With irrigation frequently accounting for more than half of the typical Floridian's water cost, perhaps April showers can bring May flowers in a way that might surprise you.

During 1 inch of rainfall, a 1,000 sq. ft. roof yields 623 gallons of water. With all that free water up for grabs, challenge yourself to water your garden with rainwater harvested throughout April. Whether you go for the gusto and install a concrete cistern or prefer a DIY project with a plastic rain barrel, there are a few basic components in all collection systems:



- **Catchment area** can be any area that collects or sheds rainwater, like a roof.
- **Conveyance systems**, such as a gutter, transport water into the storage tank.
- **Storage tanks** can be as simple as a plastic container, like a garbage can or barrel. They can also be made from fiberglass, concrete, or metal, but should be smooth and nonporous.
- **Filters** made of simple screen mesh, such as a window screen, may help to keep out leaf debris and insects. The tank should be cleaned periodically to avoid buildup at the bottom.
- **Soaker hoses, garden hoses, or a water can**, these options provide the final step of getting the harvested water to your plants.

Collected water that is not fully covered should be used relatively quickly. Open collection containers may be a safety hazard for children and a breeding ground for mosquitos. Rainwater, harvested from a roof, should not be used as potable water to drink, to bathe with, or to water edible plants.

An in-depth rain barrel guide, provided by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, features the information listed above, along with instructions, examples, and more at bit.ly/RainBarrelGuide-swfwmd.



Water-saving rebates and programs are available for homeowners and businesses. Scan the QR code or find out more by visiting bit.ly/PascoToiletRebate.

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Payments Made Easy
Remember to Have:

- Account Number
- Customer Number
- Credit/Debit Card or Banking Information

(A processing fee is applied to all payment transactions.)

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855-786-5344



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Service Questions & Locations

UtilCustServ@MyPasco.net
West Pasco: 727-847-8131
Central Pasco: 813-235-6012
East Pasco: 352-521-4285
Afterhours Utilities Emergency:
727-847-8144

NEW PORT RICHEY

7536 State Street
Only Drive-through Services:
Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LAND O' LAKES

19420 Central Boulevard
Only Drive-through Services:
Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DADE CITY

14236 Sixth Street, Suite 103
Only Limited Walk-up Services:
Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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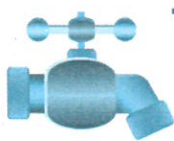
Plan for the Rainy Season

It's time to start planning ahead for the rainy season, which stretches from June through October. During these months, you can expect afternoon rains almost every day.

For your plants, the rainy season means abundant water and an increased risk of fungal pests. Some turfgrasses are sensitive to excess moisture. Adjusting your irrigation settings and making sure you are watering appropriately can make a big difference in your lawn's health.

The rainy season also offers Mother Nature a chance to take care of the water cost for you to reduce irrigation expense. Check that your irrigation controller is fitted with a working soil moisture sensor, evapotranspiration (ET) device, or rain sensor. For added advantage, plant landscape features during the rainy season to reduce the cost of establishment irrigation.

Learn more at bit.ly/SaveH2OPasco.



Tap Vs. Bottled Water

Purchasing bottled water could be an expense that is unnecessary. With the possible exception of a hurricane event, tap water continues to be an accessible, cost effective, and environmentally friendly option.

Water supplied by Pasco County Utilities meets or exceeds all Environmental Protection Agency regulations for the treatment requirements of a public water system that prevent waterborne pathogens, such as viruses, from contaminating drinking water. These treatment requirements include filtration and disinfectants that remove or kill pathogens before they ever reach your tap.



Choosing tap water not only reduces plastic waste, it also eliminates the need to leave the comforts of your home to spend money on water.



Wipes Clog Pipes

Often advertised as biodegradable, flushable wipes do not actually break down like toilet paper. The fact is, wipes do not disintegrate.

Baby wipes, cleaning wipes, disinfectant wipes, and wipes in general cling to the interior walls of a pipe. Build-up can often lead to disastrous results for homes and neighborhoods.

Pasco County Sanitary Sewer Collection System is a network of sewer lines, manholes, pumping stations, and other structures used to collect wastewater and transport it to a treatment plant. Keeping a shared sewer system clear of wipes is everyone's responsibility.

Products that should not be flushed:

- Paper Towels
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Hygienic Wipes
- Sanitary Napkins

Visit bit.ly/WipesAndPipes to learn more.

Irrigation & Reclaimed Water

While reclaimed water customers are on a twice-a-week watering schedule, consider skipping one or both irrigation days during rain events. Not only is saving reclaimed water beneficial to the environment, it also keeps turf healthy during the rainy season. Over-watering can cause weeds, pests, and turf disease. It is important to save water when possible, regardless of the watering source.

bit.ly/PascoWatering

Spring Cleaning

While you prepare your yard for spring, don't forget to clear the area around the meter box.

A direct path free of obstructions, overgrown grass, bushes, garden boxes, vehicles, or structures is necessary for Pasco County Utilities to provide fast support in the event of an unforeseen leak.

By law, a member of the Pasco County Utilities Team must be able to access your meter box at all times. If your meter is located within a locked area of your property, call 813-235-6012, or visit bit.ly/PascoWaterMeter, to learn more about providing access while maintaining security.

