

IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS - Modified

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On May 2, 2025, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) implemented a Modified Phase IV Water Shortage Order for portions of Cape Coral and unincorporated Lee County. Under this order, landscape irrigation supplied by private wells is prohibited, and construction of new Mid-Hawthorn Aquifer wells is limited to potable (drinking water) use only.

This restriction applies to the area bounded by:

- Gator Slough Canal to the North
- N.E. Pine Island Road to the South
- Nelson Road N to the West
- N.E. 24th Avenue to the East

Allowance for Pre-Restriction Projects

To accommodate projects already in progress:

• Irrigation projects that applied prior to May 2, 2025 may be completed under the following conditions.

Conditions of Completion

- 1. Controller Removal
 - o Any installed irrigation controller must be removed prior to final approval.
- 2. Well Disconnection
 - The connection from the private well to the irrigation system must be disconnected and stubbed above grade.

Future Reconnection Process

• Once the SFWMD restrictions are lifted, contractors may reapply under the legacy permit process to reinstall the irrigation controller and reconnect the well to the irrigation line.

Industry Guidance



- Contractors must strictly follow these conditions to remain in compliance with both City requirements and SFWMD restrictions.
- Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, project delays, or additional corrective measures.

For more information, visit:

- Sity of Cape Coral Water Conservation
- SFWMD Water Shortage Restrictions

In Summary:

- Projects applied for before May 2, 2025 may proceed with controller removal and well disconnection.
- Projects applied for after May 2, 2025 are subject to the SFWMD restrictions and will
 not be permitted until the order is lifted.

