

Sample Flyer

Attention Reclaimed Water Customers

Please take the time to read the following important message regarding your reclaimed water service.

What is reclaimed water?

Reclaimed water is domestic wastewater which has been treated and disinfected to a high degree such that it can be safely used to irrigate golf courses and residential lawns. Reclaimed water must meet strict water quality requirements established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Although reclaimed water meets most of the drinking water standards and is safe for human contact, it is not intended for use as drinking water.

Why use reclaimed water?

Using reclaimed water conserves drinking water supplies and reduces discharges of domestic wastewater to surface waters.

What can you do with reclaimed water?

- Irrigate your lawn.
- Irrigate flower gardens.
- Irrigate trees and shrubs.

If your system allows the use of hose bibbs [per Rule 62-610.469(3), F.A.C.] you might also include:

- Wash your car
- Wash your boat

What can't you do with reclaimed water?

- **DO NOT DRINK** reclaimed water.
- Do not connect any pipes to your reclaimed water pipes.
- Do not connect your reclaimed water pipes to any other pipes.
- Do not use reclaimed water to fill swimming pools, hot tubs, or wading pools.*
- Do not use reclaimed water to irrigate edible crops (i.e., vegetables or fruits) that WILL NOT be peeled, skinned, or cooked before being eaten.**

*Utilities may also consider prohibit reclaimed water from being used in children's water toys (i.e., water guns, slip and slides, etc.)

**This restriction on some types of edible crops may be difficult to enforce. Some utilities have simply prohibited the irrigation of vegetable gardens –

- Do not use reclaimed water to irrigate vegetable gardens

Your reclaimed water system will be periodically inspected by _____ (utility name). Improper use of reclaimed water will result in termination of your service and/or other penalties. [It is suggested that a similar statement reflecting your local regulations be included.]



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Reclaimed Water Quality – (Optional)

You might consider including information on your reclaimed water similar to what is done in the drinking water program with their “Consumer Confidence Reports.” This might include the following:

1. Total Suspended Solids:

Maximum allowed by permit: 5.0 mg/L
Average in reclaimed water: ____ mg/L
Maximum value observed: ____ mg/L
No. of observations > 5.0 mg/L: ____

2. Fecal Coliforms:

Permit requires: 75% of observations less than detection, and
No single sample to exceed 25 fecals/100 mL over 30 day period
Reclaimed water quality within ____ (specify reporting period – i.e, one year):
Percent observations less than detection: ____ %
No. of days with observations greater than 25 fecals/100 mL: ____
No. of months with less than 75% observations less than detection: ____

3. Table of Annual Reclaimed Water Scans:

Each year, this utility analyzes the reclaimed water for parameters listed as drinking water standards. While reclaimed water is not required to meet drinking water standards, the following table lists the quality of our reclaimed water along with the corresponding drinking water standard.

Parameter	Observation*	Drinking Water Standard

* Observations do not have to meet drinking water standards

