

Southwest Florida Water Management District Declares Phase I Water Shortage

On May 8, 2017 the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) expanded a Phase I Water Shortage declaration to include all of Pinellas County. The declaration is scheduled to be updated to Phase III beginning June 5th and lasting until August 1st. As such, the City of Tarpon Springs would like to provide notice that the water shortage is in effect in our City and that it is vital that the citizens of Tarpon Springs observe the watering restrictions that the City already has in place. It is important to note that these restrictions are enforceable and that failure to follow the restrictions may result in a citation.

The water shortage affects us all, because wasteful and unnecessary use of our water supply leaves less available for the critical, health related functions that our water serves. The wasteful use of water, coupled with the kind of drought conditions our region has faced this year can put more of a strain on our aquifer, affecting not just the City of Tarpon Springs, but Pinellas County and Southwest Florida as a whole. Please help our community maximize our valuable water resources by watering responsibly. For more information on the City's watering restrictions, please visit the link below or navigate to the "Water and Wastewater Utilities" page from the City's website: www.ctsfl.us. The SWFWMD also has more information about the Water Shortage available on their website: www.swfwmd.state.fl.us

<http://www.ctsfl.us/index.htm/files/Water%20Restrictions.pdf>