## **April is Florida's Water Conservation Month**

Martin County Utilities urges water customers to help save Florida's precious water resources, especially during April, the height of the dry season. Let's work together to practice water conservation.

While especially important now, water conservation is essential year-round for addressing the impacts of regional weather extremes and growing demands on limited water resources shared by residents, businesses and our environment.

Here are a few common sense practices that we can all do to conserve this precious resource:

## **Conserving Water Outdoors:**

- Don't over water your lawn. Lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer, and every 10 to 14 days in the winter. A heavy rain eliminates the need for watering for up to 2 weeks. Installation of a rain gauge can help in determining the amount of water your lawn needs. Most of the year, lawns need 1 inch of water per week.
- Water lawns during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. This
  reduces evaporation and waste. Remember watering, from any source, may not take place between the
  hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. follow the South Florida Water Management District's year-round
  landscape irrigation rule and limit watering to only three times a week or less.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to at least 3 inches, or to its highest level. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and hold soil moisture.

For additional information on water conservation tips please call Martin County Utilities at 221-1442 or visit South Florida Water Management District Water Conservation Information.

