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Northern Reacts to Water Restrictions

Palm Beach Gardens, FL - March 22, 2007: The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is responding to the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) declaration imposing mandatory water restrictions. The Operations and Maintenance Department is reprogramming watering devices to comply with the watering schedule of odd number addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, and even numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

You may begin to notice, as we enter the dry season, that the aerators, or "fountains" in the lakes may be turned off. This occurs when water levels decrease to a point where mud and debris from the lake can clog the engine. This is a costly repair, so as a precautionary measure, aerators may be deactivated once the water levels drop.

The water shortage is attributed to lower than average rainfall in our area. Water conservation is critical throughout the dry season, which lasts several more months, and especially with the potential for wildfires to ignite due to the extremely dry conditions. Everyone must do their part in conserving as much of this precious resource as possible.

More than half of the drinking water supply in South Florida is used for landscaping and outdoor use. These new restrictions are estimated to conserve approximately 15% more water. There are several other tips that you, as a homeowner, can do to conserve water inside your home:

- Only run your dishwasher when full, or hand wash your dishes
- Do full loads of laundry instead of half-loads
- Use bath water to water your plants
- Turn your faucet off while brushing your teeth
- Invest in energy water saving devices for shower heads and toilet fixtures

If you have any questions about what Northern is doing to comply with the declaration, or if you have any concerns, please contact Joanna Cunningham, Community Information Specialist, (561) 624-7830. For more information on the SFWMD declaration and the watering schedule, please visit their website at www.sfwmd.gov. These restriction orders are to take effect on March 22, 2007.

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The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959. Its role is to provide services related to water management and infrastructure for properties in northern Palm Beach County.