

Verona Homeowners

The landscape committee had a meeting with Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Public Education Program Coordinator Paula Staples who works for UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County. She and a coworker came down to a landscaping committee meeting, held with our landscaper, to speak **about** how to better water our lawns during this time that Hillsborough County has limited our days and time that we are allowed to water our lawns. They highly recommend Cycle & Soak.

What is cycle & soak? It's a method whereby the watering times are broken into smaller time increments and repeated per zone. **For example**, watering zones are set for a total of 30 minutes per zone, using the cycle & soak the zones would be set to water for 5 minutes per zone and then cycle back and repeated for another 5 minutes for a total of 6 passes per zone, totaling 30 minutes. **The Actual times for each Cycle & soak will vary with each home or Villa**

The process is called Cycle & Soak also known as Irrigation cycle. The cycle and soak method has the following benefits

- 1 This method breaks up your watering time into smaller cycles, allowing the water to soak into the soil. If an area is watered too fast for too long, many soils can't absorb it, resulting in runoff.
- 2 The cycle and soak watering method not only saves water, but also improves your lawn's health.
- 3 Moisture deep in the soil promotes deeper roots, which contributes to a thicker, healthier, greener lawn.

The landscaping committee recommended, to the Board this method be used, the Board accepted the recommendation asked our landscaper vendor to start setting the controllers to Cycle & Soak.

Just as a reminder Hillsborough allows homeowners in our area to water **TWO** days per week between the hours of **6pm - midnight and midnight-8am**. The days are controlled by the last number of your address

Monday and Thursday 0, 1, 2, or 3

Tuesday and Friday 4, 5, or 6

Wednesday and Saturday 7, 8, or 9

The Times will be set for morning or evening depending on how many zones fit into the **amount** of time allocated by Hillsborough County. Any address ending in 0, 1, 2, or 3 will be set to water in the evening because our Landscaper cuts grass on **Thursday's** during the daytime.

We hope by doing this more water will get into the roots of our lawns.

Note: This will not add any extra time or water to what is set now but divide the time into multi cycles.

This will be starting soon and will take a while to change all irrigation controllers.

Any question please email landscaping@myveronahoa.com or check out Hillsborough County Cycle & Soak information at [Hillsborough County - Find My Watering Days](#).

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