



Alachua County's Potential Next Steps for Water Conservation

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Planned Water Conservation Strategies

- Increase homeowner irrigation operator efficiency/maintenance
 - Social media, Irrigation Tune-Ups, and Turf SWAP
- Targeted education for reclaimed water users
 - Current water quality study looking at leaching/runoff
- Landscaping Code changes which may require soil amendments in new development
 - Currently analyzing data for various soil amendments
- Evaluate Irrigation Design Code and recommend changes as necessary (could eliminate irrigation in back yards)
 - Currently working with UF and GRU

Potential Water Conservation Strategies

- Pursue authorization from water management districts to:
 - Adopt local once a week year round irrigation restrictions (this is allowed in other districts)
- Participate in regional efforts for promoting agricultural practices that are protective of water resources
- Evaluate water use from domestic and landscape irrigation wells in partnership with the USGS
- Request for proposals to evaluate IFAS recommendations with an emphasis on healthy water resources instead of optimal turf growth

Potential Water Conservation Legislative Efforts

- Pursue the addition of irrigation requirements to the State Building Code
- Encourage water management districts to prohibit irrigation wells when potable water is available
 - Local governments pre-empted
- Seek a reversal of the current pre-emption on local landscape fertilizer sales bans

