

RECLAIMED  
WATER IN  
CHARLOTTE  
COUNTY



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Please take the time to read the following message regarding your reclaimed water service

### What is reclaimed water?

Reclaimed water is domestic wastewater that has been treated and disinfected to a high degree so that it can be safely used to irrigate residential lawns and golf courses. Reclaimed water must meet strict water quality requirements established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Although reclaimed water meets most of the standards for drinking water and is safe for human contact, **it is not intended for use as drinking water.**

### Why use reclaimed water?

Using reclaimed water conserves drinking water supplies and reduces discharges of domestic wastewater to surface waters .

### What can you do with reclaimed water?

- Irrigate your lawn
- Irrigate flower gardens
- Irrigate trees and shrubs



### What can't you do with reclaimed water?

- **Do not drink** reclaimed water.
- Do not connect your reclaimed water pipes to any other pipes.
- Do not use reclaimed water to fill swimming pools, hot tubs, or wading pools.
- Do not use reclaimed water to irrigate edible crops (such as fruits or vegetables ) that **WILL NOT** be peeled, skinned or cooked before being eaten.

### Why is an inspection of your reclaimed water system necessary?

- To protect the drinking water system from any improper connection to the reclaimed water system.
- To ensure that the reclaimed water is being used in an approved manner.

### What is the proper way of using reclaimed water?

- Be a wise consumer
- Follow the irrigation recommendations of Charlotte County Utilities
- Landscape with plants that are drought resistant