

Updated Guidelines: Water Usage

Dear Homeowners,

We would like to clarify and update our community guidelines regarding pressure washing and water usage:

Pressure Washing for Painting/Sealing

- While previous guidance indicated that pressure washing was not permitted as part of home preparation, the website has been updated.
- Homeowners may now pressure wash their homes specifically for painting or sealing purposes.

Water Usage from Ponds and Canals

- Homes located along Otter Creek and portions of Hideaway Trail that draw water from ponds or canals must follow their assigned watering day.
- Watering days are determined by the last digit of your house number, as outlined by SWFWMD (Swiftmud).
- This rule applies even if you are using pond or canal water.
- Excessive nightly use of pond/canal water has contributed to declining water levels, so compliance is important.

Community Exception

- Nature's Hideaway does not use reclaimed water and remains the only exception.

Landscaping Installation (Sod, Plants, etc.)

- New landscaping is exempt from once-a-week watering restrictions:
- Days 1–30: Daily watering allowed
- Days 31–60: Watering allowed three times per week
- After 60 days: Return to once-a-week schedule
- Watering must still occur during permitted hours.
- Please retain receipts as proof of installation dates.

Additional Watering Allowances

- Soaker hoses and hand watering are permitted at any time on any day.

We will also be posting additional information regarding the fountain and the use of pond/canal water on the community website shortly.

Thank you for your cooperation in preserving our shared resources.

HOA Board