

# Reclaimed Water

Holly Hill, like the rest of Florida, faces challenges when it comes to water supply . A sustainable water supply is met by conservation and diversification of sources. One example is maximizing the use of reclaimed water.

We currently reuse about 25 percent of of wastewater treated to replace the use of traditional freshwater supplies. By using reclaimed water we can conserve traditional freshwater supplies and provide an environmentally responsible alternative to disposal of wastewater.

We currently use reclaimed water for landscape irrigation at the golf course and at Hollyland Park.



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is Reclaimed Water?

Reclaimed water is wastewater that has been thoroughly treated to remove harmful organisms and substances, such as bacteria, viruses and heavy metals, so it can be reused.

Water reuse involves taking what was once wastewater, treating and disinfecting it, then using the resulting high-quality reclaimed water for a beneficial use, such as irrigation for golf courses, parks, highway medians, playgrounds and residential properties. The degree of treatment depends on what purpose the water will serve. Irrigation is the most common type of reuse.

Florida utilities began using reclaimed water in the 1970's. Since then, it has become a major component of water resource management by local governments and utilities within the state of Florida and the district.

## **Is Reclaimed Water safe to drink?**

Our reclaimed water is clear, odorless and safe, but usable for only nondrinking or nonpotable water purposes. While it must meet drinking water standards for pathogens, it can contain impurities such as nitrogen and phosphorus that keep it from meeting other drinking water standards. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's rules govern the reuse of reclaimed water to protect public health and environmental quality.

## **Why is Reclaimed Water important as Florida grows?**

Redirecting the disposal of wastewater and recognizing it as a commodity will protect and further extend Florida's water supply. Using reclaimed water saves fresh drinkable water for use in homes and businesses; provides a safe, environmentally responsible alternative to wastewater disposal; delays the need to develop alternative drinking water supplies and can reduce the need for fertilizer.

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