



The Villages®
Community Development Districts

DISTRICT WEEKLY BULLETIN

April 2, 2026

Water Shortage Update – Phase III Begins Tomorrow

Due to ongoing dry conditions, the Southwest Florida Water Management District has issued a Modified Phase III Water Shortage Order for The Villages, **starting April 3 through July 1, 2026.**

Key Points for Residents

- Watering is limited to once per week on your assigned day. (see chart below)
- Allowed watering times:
 - 12:01 a.m.–4:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m.–11:59 p.m.
 - *homes under 1 acre pick one watering window.*
- Hand watering and plants: Any day before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Car washing at home: Only on your watering day with a shut-off nozzle.
- Fountains and decorative features: May run up to 4 hours per day.
- Pressure washing: Only for necessary purposes (e.g., preparing for painting).

Updated watering rules start tomorrow, please plan accordingly and help conserve our water resources.

For more information, visit the [Southwest Florida Water Management District website](#) or find more information on the [Phase III Water Shortage Order](#)

For questions, call VCDD Customer Service at 352-753-4508 or the Southwest Florida Water Management District at 1-800-836-0797.

Stay tuned to the District's [What's Happening page](#) for time sensitive updates.

WATERING DAYS ARE BASED ON THIS SCHEDULE FOR ADDRESSES ENDING IN:

0 or 1 ▶ shall only water on MONDAY

2 or 3 ▶ on TUESDAY

4 or 5 ▶ on WEDNESDAY

6 or 7 ▶ on THURSDAY

8 or 9* ▶ on FRIDAY

*along with locations with a mix of addresses or for which an address cannot be determined (such as common areas associated with a subdivision)

NEW: Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect

Properties under one acre in size may only water before 4 a.m. or after 8 p.m. (must choose one)

Properties one acre or larger may only water before 4 a.m. and after 8 p.m.



WATER MATTERS

FREE EVENT | REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

SAVE THE DATE

SAT | APRIL 11 | 2026

9AM - 12PM

Lake Sumter Landing Market Square®

*Learn and gather information from these vendors,
educational presentations, raffles, and lots of giveaways!*

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WELCOME APRIL - Notes & Notables

April ushers in warmer days, blooming trees, and the ideal excuse to enjoy lunch outside. From casual dates to family gatherings, picnics are a wonderful way to soak up sunshine and fresh air.

To make your picnic planning a breeze, check out this handy [Southern Living guide](#) with tips on what to pack in your basket, plus [Florida Beaches Info](#) has smart ideas for keeping food safe and fresh in warm weather. You can also explore this [complete guide to picnic food](#) for creative menu inspiration and practical packing tips.

Looking for the perfect spot? Explore community parks and outdoor locations on the [Parks & Picnic Areas](#) on [DistrictGov.org](#).

Pack a blanket, invite a neighbor, and enjoy everything a beautiful Florida April has to offer.

Fun Facts About April

- **1948:** The World Health Organization (WHO) was established.
- **April 1, 1970:** The first-ever Earth Day was celebrated in the U.S.
- **National Kite Month** - breezy weather makes it perfect for flying kites.
- **1973:** The first-ever mobile phone call was made by Martin Cooper of Motorola.
- **Birdwatchers rejoice-** peak migration season for many colorful Florida birds.



April Zodiac Signs: Aries or Taurus

Birth Flower: Daisy or Sweet Pea

Birthstone: Diamond



Notable people born in April include:

- America Ferrera
- Andre Agassi
- Ashley Judd
- Barbara Streisand
- Chipper Jones
- David Letterman
- Emma Watson
- Emmylou Harris
- Jamie Chung
- John Madden





Hurricane Expo

FRIDAY, MAY 1 | 10AM – 2PM

Everglades Recreation Center | 5497 Marsh Bend Trail



NEW
LOCATION

Join government agencies and local businesses to learn how to prepare for a storm and how to obtain recovery assistance if a hurricane hits close to home.

- Sign language interpreter available.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bring your Weather Radio for programming at The Villages Public Safety Department and Sumter County Emergency Management Tables
- Blood Drive is being provided by Oneblood
- WVLG am Radio Broadcasting live

In lieu of admission fee, please bring nonperishable food for the following local food banks:

- Wildwood Soup Kitchen
- Christian Food Pantry
- Salvation Army/Lake County

A food truck will be on-site, serving up delicious dishes available for purchase!

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT INFORMATION

How and what to pack for you and your pets.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION

Where and how to apply. Help your local Emergency Management Division help you.

MANAGING HEALTH ISSUES

If disaster threatens: what you need to know and how to prepare.

GIVEAWAYS

Enter to win one of ten Midland Weather Radios or a gift basket at The Villages Public Safety Department table.

INSURANCE

Are you covered? Hurricane season begins June 1.



Information Provided By Sumter County

Sumter County Residents Only: Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection - Amnesty Day

Saturday, April 11, 2026 — 8 AM to 2 PM

Location: Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E SR 44, Wildwood, FL 34785



What to bring:		
Automotive fluids and batteries	Herbicides	Propane Tanks (25 lbs.)
Cleaners	Paint removers and thinners	Solvents
Fertilizers	Latex & oil-based paints	Smoke detectors
Fluorescent lamps and Mercury containing devices	Household electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.)	Rechargeable household batteries
Fungicides	Pesticides	Wood Preservatives
Gas (old gas & old gas cans)	Pool Chemicals	

What not to bring:		
Biological/Infectious waste	Explosives	Radioactive waste
Empty paint cans	Tires	

HOW TO PACKAGE AND TRANSPORT CHEMICALS

1. Do NOT mix chemicals together.
2. Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
3. Place containers into cardboard boxes to prevent breakage.
4. Place leaky containers in clear plastic bags and transport in box with newspaper.
5. Put boxes in trunk or in back of vehicle away from passengers.

For more information, visit their website at: <https://sumtercountyfl.gov/1236/>

[Household-Electronics-Hazardous-Waste-Mo](#)

SPRING

Along with spring cleaning, let's take the time to make sure our homes and family are safe from the threat of fire.

Here is a check list you should go over with your family:

⇒ ***Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half***

- ❑ Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement
- ❑ Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button
- ❑ Replace the batteries in all smoke alarms. Best way to remember is when you change your clocks, change your batteries.

⇒ ***The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.***

- ❑ Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- ❑ Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

⇒ ***Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.***

- ❑ Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- ❑ Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.

⇒ ***Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.***

- ❑ Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
- ❑ Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.



Did you do your safety ✓?

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Executive Golf

To maintain the integrity of the Executive Golf Courses and to provide the best play experience possible, the below courses are closed until further notice. For any further information, please contact District's Executive Golf Maintenance at (352) 674-1885 or executivegolfmaintenance@districtgov.org.

Executive Course Closures

Complete Course Renovation

- Bonita Pass
- El Santiago
- Heron
- Truman
- Walnut Grove

Closed for special course maintenance:

- Palmetto - Friday, April 3rd for extra turf maintenance and aerify greens.
- De La Vista - Friday, April 3rd to fix uneven pavement at the starter building.
- Silver Lake - Monday, April 6th for extra turf maintenance.



Recreation & Parks

Increased ID Checking at the Pools

Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2026 Community Watch staff members will begin partnering with Recreation & Parks to scan resident & guest IDs at the Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pools, increasing the number of daily ID checks to make sure all users of the facilities belong. Residents are required to have their resident IDs, while guests must have both their guest pass and a photo ID.

All pool users should make sure they are at the appropriate facility. Adult pools are for residents and their guests 30 and older. Family pools are open to residents and their guests of all ages. Guests under the ages of 19 must be accompanied by a Villages resident or a guest 19 or older with a valid guest pass and photo ID. Sports pools are for residents only age 30 and older.

For more information on our pools click [here](#).



Pool Etiquette

The Recreation & Parks Department strives to make the pools safe for everyone's use and enjoyment! Please abide by the following.



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Inside any pool area, all eligible users are asked to refrain from:



*Please use headphones or earbuds

*Designated smoking areas are outside the pool area

All residents and guests are **REQUIRED** to comply with ID requirements and ages to use the swimming pools and supporting amenities. Infants and toddler flotation devices are allowed with adult supervision.

The Villages
Recreation & Parks



FOR MORE INFORMATION: DistrictGov.org | 352-674-1800 | RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.org

DistrictGov.org | 352-753-4508 | CustomerService@DistrictGov.org

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Allamanda Recreation Pickleball and Tennis Courts**
 - *Monday, April 6 – Sunday, April 26*
- **Antrim Dells Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool**
 - *Friday, April 17 – Friday, May 8*
- **Atlas Recreation Dog Park – Saturday, April 4**
 - *Wednesday, April 8*
- **Big Cypress Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *Monday, April 13 – Wednesday, April 15*
- **Canal Street Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, May 4*
- **Cason Hammock Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Monday, April 6*
- **Churchill Street Recreation Winner's Circle Billiards Room, diamond light installation**
 - *Monday, April 6 – Tuesday, April 7*
- **Clarendon Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, April 6*
- **Coconut Cove Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 9*
- **Colony Cottage Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 1*
- **Creekside Landing Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, April 24*
- **Eisenhower Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Monday, April 13, 7am-12pm*
- **Everglades Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Tuesday, April 14, 7am-12pm*
- **Ezell Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 15, 7am-12pm*
- **First Responders Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Monday, April 6*
- **Homestead Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 24*

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **LaBelle Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 9*
- **La Hacienda Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 8, 7am-12pm*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Pickleball Courts**
 - *Until further notice*
- **Lake Miona Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 9, 7am-12pm*
- **Lake Shore Cottages Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 22*
- **Largo Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 21*
- **Laurel Manor Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 10*
- **Manatee Recreation Withlacoochee Billiards Room, diamond light installation**
 - *Wednesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 9*
- **Manatee Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 8*
- **Moyer Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, May 1*
- **Moyer Recreation Shuffleboard Courts, resurfacing**
 - *Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 24*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Pickleball Courts Pod C**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Sunday, April 5*
- **Mulberry Grove Recreation Sports Pool and Pool House, refurbishment**
 - *Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, July 28*
- **Olympia Recreation Tennis Courts Pod A & Pod B, wind screen replacement**
 - *Thursday, April 9*
- **Olympia Recreation Pickleball Courts Pod A & Pod B, wind screen replacement**
 - *Friday, April 10*
- **Osceola Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 8*

FACILITY CLOSURES

- **Paradise Recreation Dog Park**
 - *Monday, March 16 – Sunday, April 5*
- **Pennecamp Neighborhood Recreation Area Adult Pool, refurbishment**
 - *Friday, March 13 – Friday, April 3*
- **Pimlico Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 10*
- **Pinellas Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 22*
- **Pine Ridge Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Friday, April 10*
- **Pine Hills Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Friday, April 10*
- **Riverbend Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Friday, April 3*
- **Rohan Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 23*
- **Sabal Chase Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Tuesday, April 28*
- **Sanibel Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 9*
- **Schwartz Park Observation Deck**
 - *Until further notice*
- **SeaBreeze Recreation Sports Pool**
 - *Wednesday, April 15, 7am-12pm*
- **Swallowtail Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Friday, April 24*
- **Truman Recreation Indoor Facilities, Outdoor Facilities and Family Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 16*
- **Virginia Trace Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 28*
- **Willow Tree Neighborhood Recreation Area Outdoor Facilities and Adult Pool**
 - *Thursday, April 16*

NOTICE OF VACANCY - DISTRICT 9

The Villages®
Community Development Districts
District 9

The Villages Community Development District No. 9 Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants who are interested in filling Seat 5, which was recently vacated due to the resignation of an existing Board Supervisor.

The remainder of the existing four (4)-year term for the vacated seat will expire in November 2026.

Any interested applicants must be a qualified elector, which is defined by Florida Statute 190 as “any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the District, and who registers to vote with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the district land is located.” To obtain additional information or request an application, you may contact Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, at (352) 751-3939 or obtain a copy of the application on the www.districtgov.org website.

Applications must be submitted to Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, no later than Friday, April 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office, 3571 Kiessel Road, The Villages.

The Board of Supervisors will interview applicants during a Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center, 2864 Buena Vista Boulevard, The Villages, FL.

The Board of Supervisors welcomes interested applicants to include a résumé outlining their experience as an attachment to the [application](#).



Join Our Team

Hospitality | Stewardship | Innovation & Creativity | Hard Work

CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Are you looking for employment?

If so, look no further than the Villages Community Development District.

All of our current job openings are listed on through our website by visiting www.DistrictGov.org.

> Contact Us > Careers > See All Openings.

Or [CLICK HERE](#) to view the latest openings

You can contact us Monday-Friday 8am-5pm with any questions or inquiries, at 352-674-1905.



Scan the QR code to apply online or visit DistrictGov.org > **Contact Us**>**Careers**

Contact Us

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Community Watch

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Customer Service

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District Clerk

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