



# City of Eustis Reclaimed Water System

## What is Reclaimed Water?

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater that is clear and odorless suitable for landscape irrigation and meets the public contact standards of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

## Reclaimed Water Uses:

Reclaimed water should be used primarily for landscape irrigation. Use of low quality reclaimed water replaces the use of high quality potable water, which helps to conserve Florida's underground water aquifer. **Reclaimed water must not be used for drinking, swimming pools, hot tubs or children's water toys.**

## Access to Reclaimed Water:

Reclaimed water can only be accessed through a dedicated reclaimed water hose and/or through an underground irrigation system. Reclaimed water is available to the new subdivisions along the north and east of the city service areas where reclaimed water lines (purple color) are located. **No cross connections to the reclaimed water line are allowed** unless permitted and inspected by the city to ensure backflow preventers are properly installed.

## Reclaimed Water Irrigation:

Rules for utilizing reclaimed water for landscape irrigation is similar to that of potable water in accordance with the water conservation measures of the St. Johns River Water Management District. Reclaimed water contains high nitrogen and phosphorus, which are major nutrient supplements for lawns and shrubs; but is **not recommended for vegetable gardens**. For maximum efficiency and to help conserve water, it is advisable to irrigate during early morning or late afternoon hours, mulch all flower and shrub gardens and install a rain sensor. Last but not least, reclaimed water is less expensive than potable water.

